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Contracts awarded for Main Street, transfer station projects

Courtney apologizes in advance for inconvenience

BY BOB DEMAREE

The beginning of a three-year master plan for major road work and traffic improvements on Main Street from Broadway Street to the top of Hanover Hill will soon begin after a contract was awarded for the first phase

of that project at Monday's Board of Public Works and Safety meeting.

A \$1,228,675.75 contract was awarded to All Star Paving Inc. for work on Main Street from Broadway Street to Mill Street. Meanwhile, another contract for \$627,385 was awarded to Sedam Contracting for improvements to the city's solid waste transfer station on Madison's hilltop.

All Star Paving's bid came in below the \$1.5 million Communi-

ty Crossings Matching Grant the city received from the Indiana Department of Transportation.

"We're finally going to get started on Main Street, rather than plan, it's constructing" said Mayor Bob Courtney, adding he is "apologizing in advance" for the inconveniences that will be caused once the Main Street construction begins.

Courtney said staging for the work between Broadway Street and Mill Street will begin in

June, with plans that the work will not prevent the annual parade during Madison Regatta Weekend from using its traditional route on Main Street from Jefferson Street to Cragmont Street.

Both Madison Regatta President Kyle Bipes and Chautauqua Festival of Art Coordinator Kara Hinze were in attendance, each receiving approvals for street closings for those events. During Regatta, there's not just the

parade but the annual waterball fight that's held on Main Street. For the Chautauqua, in good weather years, there are typically 40,000 people in downtown Madison to attend that event.

Hinze said the Chautauqua will offer a shuttle service from the parking lot at Madison Consolidated High School which patrons will be encouraged to utilize.

Courtney agreed that

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Recent Ohio River flooding damaged several of the tiles in a mosaic mural created by artist Tiffany Black just east of West Street in the docking area facing the Ohio River in downtown Madison. The mural, inspired by a Harlan Hubbard painting, shows a man in an open boat on the Ohio River.

Decision pending design for murals to DG Market building

Bob Demaree

"The Ties That Bind" sculpture, by local artist Eric Phagan, may be relocated from Madison's Lytle Park on West Street to a location where the Heritage Trail will soon be connecting to the south entrance of Clifty Falls State Park.



BY BOB DEMAREE

Plans are moving forward for murals on the east wall of the DG Market that opened at 120 East Second Street last September.

Kim Nyberg, executive director of the Madison Area Arts Alliance, was at Thursday's Public Arts Commission meeting to provide an update about the murals that were part of the agreement with the city of Madison in the purchase of the building by Rafferty Development LLC from the city of Madison.

Nyberg said six area artists have submitted designs and applications which Curt Rafferty, managing member of Rafferty Development LLC, will consider to make the selection.

"These projects sometimes take time, and we're committed to being patient and getting the right thing," said Nyberg, who is hopeful the murals can be completed by the end of the year.

The Public Arts Commission approved new designs for ARTsy 15 switchboxes at its February meeting — 11 on the hilltop, three downtown and one in Hanover — but Nyberg

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MOU makes LifeSpring county mental health vendor

BY BOB DEMAREE

A step forward was taken for a facility to address mental health and substance abuse at Thursday's Jefferson County Commissioners meeting with the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with LifeSpring Health Systems.

The intent for the MOU to make LifeSpring the vendor for the facility was established at the Sept. 19 Commissioners meeting when Beth Keeney, LifeSpring president and chief executive officer, attended along with Dora Anim, president and chief executive officer of the Bethany Legacy Foundation. Neither were at Thursday's meeting, but it was noted that Keeney has already signed the MOU for LifeSpring.

Decisions have not been made for the specific type of facility — whether it will be a residential treatment facility or a crisis stabilization unit, or something else.

"LifeSpring will collect data to decide what's the next step," said Commissioner Ron Lee, who almost four years ago held the first of a series of public meetings to discuss the need for a facility. Lee has worked alongside Jim Courter, a retiree who was a Madison State Hospital rehabilitation therapist on the addiction unit, because they believed in the strong need for a facility in Jefferson County to address mental health and substance abuse.

Commissioner David Bramer made the motion that the Commissioners unanimously approved "to move forward with the memorandum of under-

standing between Jefferson County and LifeSpring Health Systems to establish a collaborative relationship to establish a residential services program in Jefferson County."

Lee said he doesn't know the timeline for future decisions on what exactly the facility will be or when it will become a reality. "This is something we've been working on for a long time," and he's pleased the MOU gives LifeSpring permission to move forward on developing a mental health facility. "I'm anxious to turn them loose," he said.

Bethany Legacy Foundation has in the past indicated financial support for the effort, although no official announcement has been made.

In other business:

- Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency Director Matt True said 42 primary residences in the county were impacted by last month's flooding. Areas particularly hard hit were Hanover Beach, Sandy Beach and Brooksbury. True said there were 25 structures with major damage and two were completely destroyed, one in which water reached three to four feet into the second floor of the home.
- County Highway Superintendent Jason Copeland said recent flooding resulted in six road slides in the county — three in the Brooksbury area, two in the Brushy Fork area near Scott's Ridge and one on Wolf Run Road. He said there was also some slippage on Dugan Hollow Road.
- Copeland said the

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County Recorder's office working to digitize all of its records

BY BOB DEMAREE

Better access and greater preservation of records in the Jefferson County Recorder's office is underway with the digitizing of records that eventually will extend back to 1812.

County Recorder Amy Stephens was at Thursday's County Commissioners meeting updating the work that began last week.

"We will be digitizing in order to provide an additional layer of backup against natural disaster, and to make title searching a little bit easier for the public," said Stephens, who said the work will also provide more efficient access to the County Treasurer and County Auditor's offices by being able to find information by

parcel number.

US Imaging is doing the digital conversion, picking up microfilm that consists of deeds, mortgages, releases, miscellaneous and military discharges from 1889 to 1993, and then coming back after that's done to digitize records from 1812 to 1889.

All records including deeds, mortgages, mortgage releases

and miscellaneous records are already searchable for free back to 1993 available online at <https://www.doxpop.com>. High-volume professional searching and document images to download are available as a fee-based service.

Copies of records have been available in the County Recorder's office but originals were

stored in the old jail, keeping them in a different location in the event of a disaster event. Stephens said the records which have for many years been stored at the old jail, have been in a space shared with law enforcement evidence, preventing the Recorder's office from having

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OBITUARIES

Kathleen Jo Bruce

Kathleen Jo Bruce, age 74, of Hanover, IN, entered this life on Dec.19, 1950, in Jefferson County, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late Cecil, Sr. and Dorothy E. Schwab Bruce.

She resided all of her life in Jefferson County and was raised Catholic. She fought a courageous battle with Cerebral Palsy all of her life. She enjoyed reading, her dog, Scooter, playing bingo, and enjoyed going to the Knights of Columbus Lodge. Kathleen died on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 1:47 p.m., at the Aperia Care Hanover in Hanover. Kathleen will be missed



by her loving brothers, Robert Bruce and his wife, Joanna of TX, Paul Bruce and his wife, Jessica of North Vernon, IN; her sisters, Elizabeth Moore and her husband, Tim Rector of Madison, IN, Vicky Bruce of Seymour, IN; her sister-in-law,

Pamela J. Brown and her companion, Denny Reffett of Madison, IN; her close friends, Steve McCord of Milton, KY, Nannette Newsome and her husband, Keith of Hanover, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Cecil Bruce, Sr., her mother, Dorothy E. Schwab Bruce, her brother, Cecil Bruce, Jr., her sister, Janice Carol Day, and her nephew, Bobby Bruce, her close friend, Terry McCord. Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 2 p.m., by Jacob Adcock at the

Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the St. Patrick Cemetery, 305 West State Street in Madison, IN. Friends may visit Wednesday, May 7, 2025 from 12 p.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Memorial contributions may be made to Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Bobby Knox True

Bobby Knox True, age 90, of Bedford, KY, passed as peacefully as the Spring breeze on April 29, 2025, in Madison, IN, surrounded by family. Born November 1, 1934, in Georgetown, KY, Bobby was the son of Robert Mallory “R.M.” True and Lucille Wallace True. Married to his lovely wife Jo Ann (Burrows) True for over 65 years, Bobby was the proud father of two children: son Bobby Knox True, Jr., married to daughter-in-law Katrina “Trinket” Carol True, and daughter Allyson Jo Cook. He was also a cherished grandfather to five: Benjamin Isaac True of Cold Spring, KY (b. 1990; Madison True Baron of Charleston, SC; Colyn True Wright of Stanford, KY; Reese Mallory “R.M.” True of New Castle, KY; and Maxwell Grover Cook of New York City, NY. He is also survived by seven great-grandchildren: Daphne Guyn True, Porter Knox True, Embry Jane True, Torin Marshall True, Penelope True Baron, Ren Mallory “R.M.” True, and Calloway Jane Wright. He was preceded in death by his parents,

Robert Mallory “R.M.” True and Lucille Wallace True, in-laws Hubert “Shug” Burrows, and Reva Spillman Burrows, as well as son-in-law G. Keith. He leaves behind his beloved wife Jo Ann True, sister Marlyn Sue True Bush of Campbellsburg, KY, two children, five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and a lifetime of neighbors, clients, friends, and fellow Kentuckians who were, by no choice of their own, made wiser for having known him. A visitation will be held at Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, KY, on Thursday, May 8, 2025, from 5 — 8 p.m. A graveside service will be held at Bobby and Jo Ann’s farm located at 1869 Palmyra Rd on Friday, May 9, 2025, at 11 a.m. Ultimately, Bobby Knox True was a rare, unique, and storied man. It is doubtful his loved ones and friends will miss him too greatly, as his presence and potency lives on in their stories. If the stories themselves are missed, they will surely be retold again with the same pace and honesty in heaven.

DEATH NOTICES

Capt. Jeannie Batto, 51, of Madison, IN, died Friday, May 2, 2025, at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com. **Sherry Ann Beatty, 75**, of Madison, IN, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 10, at Springdale Cemetery in downtown Madison, with interment to follow. Arrangements by Lytle Welty Funeral Home &

Cremation Service, Vail Chapel in Madison, www.lytlewelty.com. **Terry Delbert Groves, 82**, of Madison, IN, died Saturday, May 3, 2025, at Norton King’s Daughters’ Health in Madison. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com. **Nancy Jean Sweeney Peters, 84**, of Cincinnati, died Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at the Hospice of Cincinnati. Mass of Christian burial will be at

noon Wednesday, May 7, at the Most Sorrowful Mother of God Catholic Church in Vevay, IN, with interment in the St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery in Olean, IN. Arrangements by Haskell and Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, www.haskellandmorrison.com. **Trina Jerene Vernon, 66**, of Scottsburg, IN, and formerly of Madison, IN, died Sunday, April 27, 2025, at her home. Funeral services were Saturday, May 3, at Collins Funeral Home in Scottsburg, with

burial at the Ryker’s Ridge Cemetery in Madison, / www.collinsfuneralhome.net. **Tamara Kay “Tammy” Armstrong Cole, 63**, of Florence, IN, died Saturday, May 3, 2025, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Edgewood in Edgewood, KY. Funeral services will at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, with interment to follow in Eastview Cemetery at Patriot, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS April 30, 2025

Nigel Perry Thomas, 35, Cincinnati, on a Jefferson County Bench Warrant (murder and obstruction of justice). No bond.

May 1, 2025

Thomas Lee Cloud, 29, Madison, for Possession of a Syringe, a Level 6 felony; Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor; and on a Bench Warrant. Bond \$5,000 cash. Joshua A. Hill, 47, Madison, for Strangulation and Domestic battery, both Level 6 felonies. No bond. Megan Marie Schneider, 31, Tell City, Indiana, on a Jefferson County Arrest Warrant, a Parole Hold Warrant

and for Failure to Appear on a Level 6 felony warrant. No bond.

May 2, 2025

Tracy Lynn Richardson, 33, on an Arrest Warrant. Bond \$5,000 cash.

May 3, 2025

Christopher Michael Kurdys, 41, Madison, on a Jefferson County warrant for Failure to Appear and on a Jefferson County Bench Warrant (drug charge). Bond \$10,000 cash. Rayvan Danyel Mae Wells, 38, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; Visiting a Common Nuisance-Legend Drug, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession of a Syringe, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond \$1,000 cash.

May 4, 2025

Jeffery Thomas Crawford, 23, Ghent, Kentucky, on a Jefferson County Probation Violation Warrant

(116 days suspended sentence for theft). Bond \$1,000 cash. Isaac McCager Gates, 37, Lexington, Indiana, on a warrant to hold for another county (criminal trespass Clark County). No bond.

May 5, 2025

Whitney Nicole Sanders, 31, Shelbyville, Indiana, on a Bench Warrant. Bond \$1,000 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS April 30, 2025

Jasmine Lavonne Box, 28, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 1,095 days at Indiana Department of Correction,

fully executed, with credit for 285 days jail served plus \$789 in fees and court costs.

May 1, 2025

Roberto Zavala, 36, Madison, to amended charges of Operating a Vehicle Without Receiving a License, a Class A misdemeanor; and Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail on each count, concurrent, with credit for 4 days jail served and 176 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$689.50 in fees and court costs.

May 2, 2025

Quinten Lamar Loza, 39, Madison, parole violation for Domestic Battery Resulting in Moderate Bodily Injury, a Level 5 felony; and two counts of Possession of Cocaine-Less than 5 grams-Enhancing. Court revokes 1,690 days of previously suspended

sentences to be fully executed at Indiana Department of Correction.

Amanda J. Chadwell, 42, Columbus, Indiana, to an amended charge of Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail with credit for 2 days jail served and 58 days suspended to 180 days supervised probation plus \$439 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY May 1, 2025

Ryan Spyrka and Sara Spyrka to Gordon Judge and Debbie Judge, 140 Parkside Drivew, Hanover. Karen L. Bolton to MSJG Properties LLC, 9876 West State Road 256, Lexington.

PROJECTS

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announcements will need to be made for people coming to events to be aware of the construction on Main Street. “There’s no way around it, honestly. We’ll have to figure out the details,” he said. The Transfer Station

Operations (TSO) work will include remodeling and improvements, which Courtney said is the last phase of the TSO’s modernization plan. Chris Hale, the city’s director of facilities, streets and solid waste, said the project will involve closing the transfer station for approximately 10 days beginning on a Friday and continu-

ing through the next week to the following Monday to encompass two weekends. He said once dates for that closing are determined, there will be announcements made to inform the public in advance. Hale said initially there had been a request for a 14-day closure of the transfer station. “We worked to narrow that down to a window where it will only affect the public for that one wee.” City trash service will

continue as usual during the full week the transfer station is closed with the city working with Rumpke during that time to ensure no interruption in pickup and transfer of solid waste and recycling. The timeline for the project includes a pre-construction meeting May 13 with mobilization shortly after that and substantial completion in October. “We’re happy that this is underway, and we are minimizing the inconveniences as much

as possible,” Courtney said. In other business, street closings were approved for the Vintage Thursday in September, along with a request from Sara Ford for closing both sides of Broadway Street surrounding the fountain for her wedding Sept. 19. A contract of \$2,440 was approved with Swank Motion Pictures Inc. to screen five Movies in the Park that will be sponsored to recoup the city’s cost. The movies will be “Hoosiers” on May 23, “Inside Out 2” on June

20, “Madison” on July 2, “Moana 2” on Aug. 1 and “Matilda” on Sept. 19. There were two task orders for the wastewater and water departments approved with Commonwealth Engineering — one was a renewal for an “on-call” contract to help with permit renewals and industrial pre-treatment program that’s up to \$50,000, and the other was for the Wellhead Protection Plan five-year update to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management at \$39,000.

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LOTTERY

INDIANA Hoosier Lotto: 10-12-15-36-37-43 (5/3). Estimated Jackpot: \$3.2 million. Next Drawing (5/7). Cash Five: 10-32-39-42-43 (5/4) Cash 4 Life: 6-25-33-44-56 CB: 1 (5/4) KENTUCKY Cash Ball: 7-21-29-35 CB 22 (5/4) Lucky For Life: 12-26-31-35-

43 LB: 14 (5/4) MEGAMILLIONS: 14-37-40-41-68 MB: 2 (5/2). Next Drawing \$90 million.Next Drawing (5/6) POWERBALL: 10-21-23-35-65 PB: 24, PP 2 (5/3). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$54 million. Next Drawing (5/5) POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 14-23-33-38-60 PB: 3 (5/3). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (5/5)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Editor’s Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS

May 6 Jessica Butler May 7 Rodney Nay May 8 Pamela Bechman

Mike Cheatham May 10 Kevin Yancey May 11 Tracy Keller Green May 13 Jimmy Butters Cathy Corbin Liz Stigdon May 14 Scott Kroll

ANNIVERSARIES

May 2 John & Tanya Kelley — 55

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HDBR member to propose guideline revisions next month

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Madison’s Historic District Board of Review member Happy Smith informed fellow board members last Monday that she will bring a proposal to next month’s meeting to revise the board’s guidelines on window replacement in the city’s historic district.

Smith, and several other board members, have complained in the past that far too many property owners are opting for window replacement over window restoration. Choosing to replace original windows that could be salvaged with some wood repair, re-glazing and paint is impacting the look of historic homes because mass-produced modern windows lack the authenticity, craftsmanship and quality of original windows that have been properly restored and in many case cost more and don’t last as long.

Original wooden windows — when properly restored — offer the best option for protecting the integrity of the historic district, said Smith, and are one of the key features that validate the his-

toric authenticity of Madison’s historic buildings. They not only look and function like the original windows, but they also retain components like window weights and vintage glass that is a look modern windows just can’t replicate.

Many property owners cite a desire to replace original windows with modern multi-paned aluminum clad or vinyl clad replacements as a way to reduce maintenance and make historic homes more efficient. But Smith has noted that when properly restored by glazing and painting, vintage windows can be easily maintained and low profile storm window options exist that can improve efficiency without compromising historic curb appeal.

Smith said she has been drafting her proposal and will bring the amendment to the board’s next meeting for consideration. The proposal will be published prior to that in a legal notice in The Madison Courier.

In a related matter, board member Ken McWilliams said he has decided against bringing two

similar proposals to amend the board’s policies on door and siding replacement.

Last month McWilliams had suggested drafting an amendment that would require requests to replace original siding and/or doors be subject to review by a panel of board members prior to removal because wooden siding suitable for repair or restoration was being taken off historic buildings in favor of more modern materials. And even in cases where siding must be replaced there is often some siding that could be salvaged, rather than destroyed, for use on another building of that period in an effort to retain the authenticity of the structures.

McWilliams said after discussing his proposal with city officials — and the fact that staff members are already reviewing those applications — he has decided to not seek an amendment to the policy at this time.

In other business of note, the board:

- Approved a certificate of appropriateness for Robin Min-

gione to build a garage and enclose the second and third floor decks on a circa 1855 contributing structure at 1030 Park Avenue with a glass wall facing south. Mingione had been before the board last month but was asked to come back with more drawings on what her proposal will actually look like. In March Mingione was proposing a steel addition but is now proposing a wooden structure after coming away from the earlier meeting with the thought that the board was objecting to the more modern steel aspects of the project.

However, board members said they were actually in favor of the steel use and noted interest in seeing a brick structure updated with modern steel and approved the application of either material on the project.

“I would have approved the steel and I would approve the wood as well,” said board member Jared Anderson. “I think either/or is fine. I think it’s a great project and I certainly appreciate you taking it on.”

“I just love the time and atten-

tion you’re lavishing into this decades-abandoned building and I just want to thank you,” said Smith. “You are doing a wonderful thing for the town of Madison.”

- Approved a certificate of appropriateness for Ed and Janeen Wise, 1014 West First Street, to build a two story addition with a garage and bedroom/utility room on the north side of that structure. The home, a circa 1890 shotgun, has been modernized in the past and is no longer a contributing structure, but board members noted the design and materials used on the project are an asset to the historic district. One suggestion made was to use traditional galvanized half-round guttering and round piping on the project.
- Approved a certificate of appropriateness for Dale Nichols to add a 7-foot deck to accommodate his camper on a non-contributing home at 308 Vernon Street. Nichols will also be allowed to construct either a regular or spiral staircase to the second story floor of the deck.



Haley Harper and Emoni Dye work together in a Girls Inc. STEM activity, turning pudding mix into slime.

Handout

Local group will join affiliates observing Girls Inc. Week May 5-9



Girls Inc. members Willow Chandler and Piper Kent draw faces in shaving cream in an activity designed to help girls identify emotions.

BY SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Girls Inc. of Jefferson County will join affiliates across the United States and Canada in celebrating Girls Inc. Week through May 9.

Girls Inc. participants had the opportunity to help select this year’s theme, “Youth Mental Health: Helping Kids Feel Better.” The theme spotlights one of the most critical issues facing youth today — mental health — while celebrating the resilience, strength and proactive spirit of the girls.

This week will feature a network-wide giving event, “Girls Inc. Together.” The fundraiser is a collective effort, but donations can be made to directly benefit the local affiliate and girls from the local area.

Contributions can be made to Girls Inc. of Jefferson County, IN by visiting

girls inc.

girlsincotogether.org and searching for “Jefferson County,” or by going directly to <https://www.girlsincotogether.org/organizations/girlsincj-in>.

Girls Inc. has been serving the Jefferson County area since 1972 with a combination of after-school, summer and outreach based programs. Registration is currently open for the eight-week summer program, “Girls Lead the Way.” For more information, call the center at 812-265-5863 or visit their Facebook page.

VMI to celebrate National Travel and Tourism Week May 4-10

BY THE COURIER STAFF

National Travel and Tourism Week (NTTW), taking place next week — May 4-10, spotlighting the U.S. travel industry’s essential role in driving economic growth, creating jobs, and enhancing the nation’s global competitiveness.

Since 1983, NTTW has emphasized travel’s contribution to the economic strength, vitality and quality of life in communities across America. In 2024, the travel industry generated \$2.9 trillion in economic output, supported over 15 million jobs, and produced \$190 billion in tax revenue—equivalent to \$1,490 per U.S. household.

Locally, the latest economic data highlights Madison and Jefferson County as a premier destination, welcoming over half a million visitors each year and generating a robust \$63.7 million in visitor spending — an impressive 6% increase over the previous year, according to the most recent Rockport Analytics Report. Jefferson County alone benefits significantly from tourism, with visitor spending contributing over \$6.9 million in state and local taxes, effectively reducing each household’s tax burden by \$540.

“Travel and tourism play a vital role in the continued growth and vibrancy of Madison and Jefferson County. Not only does tourism fuel our local economy, but it also spotlights the culture, charm, and hospitality that make our community a destination worth visiting. The impact is clear: from job creation to enhanced public services, the ripple

effect of tourism is felt in every corner of our region. I am grateful to the dedicated team at Visit Madison and the Jefferson County Board of Tourism for their leadership and efforts in promoting our community and creating meaningful opportunities through travel,” said Mayor Bob Courtney.

At the April 22, Madison City Council meeting, Courtney officially proclaimed May 4-10 as National Travel and Tourism Week in Madison.

Andrew Forrester, VMI Executive Tourism Director, said, “NTTW is a wonderful way to shine a spotlight on the importance of tourism to our community. It’s especially fitting that during this celebration, Madison will proudly host two conferences and a retreat, showcasing the power of business travel for a destination like ours. Additionally, we’re excited to begin staffing our satellite Visitor Center located at the Main Street Comfort Station and debut our new trolley programming. With so many exciting initiatives unfolding, we invite the community to celebrate with us as we promote Madison as a great place to visit, play, and call home!”

During NTTW, Forrester encourages residents to become tourists in their own hometown by experiencing local historic tours, participating in community events or exploring scenic beauty at Clifty Falls State Park—particularly on Sunday, May 4, when the Indiana DNR celebrates “Indiana Day” by offering free admission.

Share Hubbard memories May 10 at Trimble County Public Library

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Community members are invited to share their memories of Harlan and Anna Hubbard at the Trimble County Public Library, 35 Equity Drive, Bedford, Kentucky.

Memories will be told through interviews that will be recorded as part of a student-led project to preserve local history. Interviews will take place on Saturday, May 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Those interested in participating can call 502-255-7362 to schedule a time.

The stories gathered will help honor the Hubbards’ legacy, strengthen community connections, and further preservation efforts with Payne Hollow on the Ohio, a non-profit

whose goal is to sustainably preserve Payne Hollow and to protect and promote the legacy of the Hubbards.

At the Switzerland County Historical Museum, 208 East Market St., Vevay, a travel panel exhibit for the book, “Driftwood: The Life of Harlan Hubbard” is on display until May 10. On Friday, May 9, at the Switzerland County Public Library, 205 Ferry St., Vevay, the book’s author, Jessica Whitehead, will have a talk about the book at 1 p.m.

Whitehead will have a talk about that book at the Jefferson County Public Library, 420 West Main St., Madison, on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 5:30 p.m., .

Entries now being accepted for Miss Madison Regatta pageants

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Entries are now being accepted for the 2025 Miss Madison Regatta pageant and the many other pageants that are part of the 2025 Madison Regatta Festival.

In addition to the Miss Madison Regatta pageant, there will also be Miss Teen, Miss Preteen, Miss Princess and Little Miss contests.

Miss Madison Regatta pageant will be held Monday, June 30, at Madison Consolidated High School’s Opal Sherman Auditorium. The winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship and reign over the Regatta week festivities.

The girl who is crowned queen will participate in all the events during the

week of the Regatta Festival and weekend of the Regatta with the first and second runner-up also being asked to attend some Regatta-related events.

Contestants are required to appear in four clothing changes during the competition — business attire (interview), opening number, dance attire or oral presentation, and evening gown.

They will have a 5-7 minute interview that will take place before the pageant begins in which they will be required to wear business attire of their choosing. Contestants will also perform an oral presentation, and be assigned a character that goes with the theme. Contestants will

dress to their character. They will also be judged on business professional attire, floor length evening gowns, and an on-stage question that they will not be given in advance.

Girls ages 18-22 on Jan. 1 of the pageant year are eligible for the Miss Madison Regatta. The entry fee (sponsorship fee) for each contestant is \$175. The deadline to enter is 6 p.m. EDT on June 16.

Contestants may be from anywhere in the area for all of the contests.

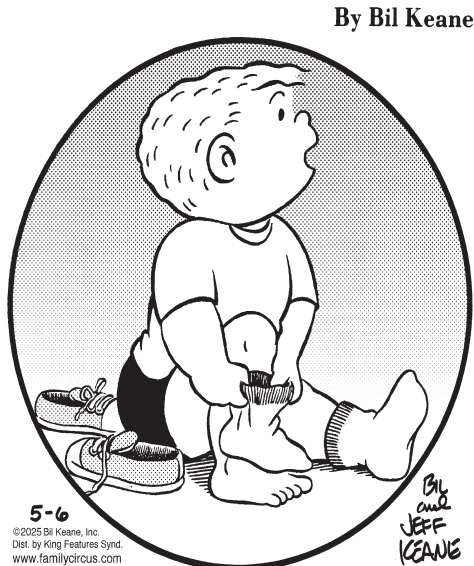
On Saturday, June 28, there will be four contests at Opal Sherman Auditorium — Miss Teen, Miss Preteen, Miss Princess and Little Miss. The Miss Teen and Miss Preteen contests will be held at

5 p.m. that day while the Miss Princess and Little Miss contests will be at noon. Miss Teen contest is for girls ages 15-17. Miss Preteen is for ages 12-14. Miss Princess is for girls ages 9-11. Little Miss is for ages 6-8. The entry fee for the Miss Teen, Miss Preteen, Miss Princess and Little Miss contests is \$60 for each contestant with the entry deadline June 18. Entry forms after June 18 will be \$70. No entry forms will be accepted after June 20.

Applications for all of the pageants are available through a link under the events tab on madisonregatta.com, where there will be instructions on what’s required and where to return applications.

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By Bil Keane



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"Sometimes I get my shoes on the wrong feet, but I always get my socks right."

Bil and Jeff Keane

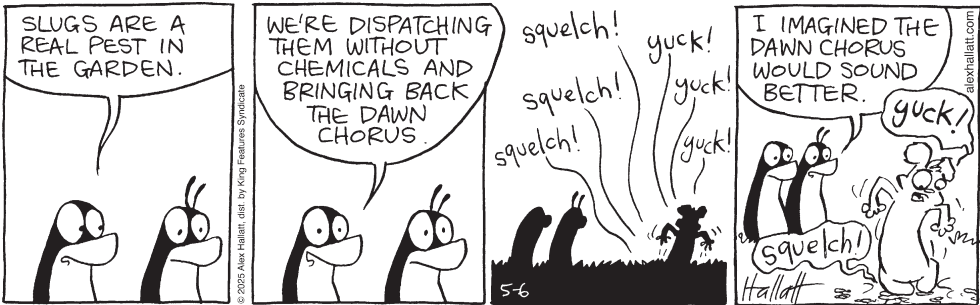
DENNIS THE MENACE



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"I'll play by the rules as long as I'm the one who gets to make 'em up!"

ARCTIC CIRCLE



SLUGS ARE A REAL PEST IN THE GARDEN.

WE'RE DISPATCHING THEM WITHOUT CHEMICALS AND BRINGING BACK THE DAWN CHORUS.

squelch! squelch! squelch!

yuck! yuck! yuck!

I IMAGINED THE DAWN CHORUS WOULD SOUND BETTER.

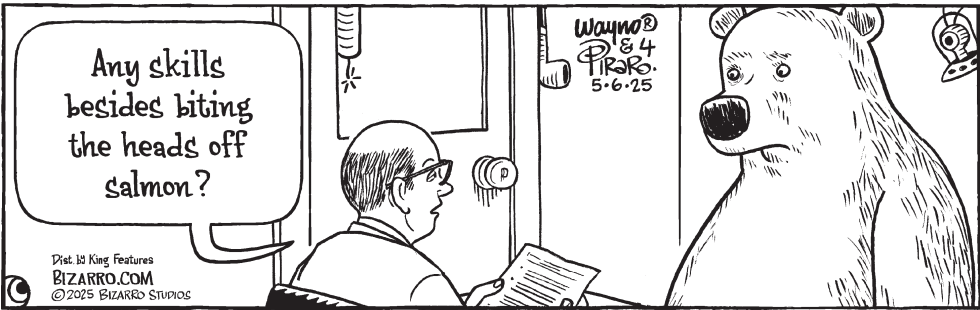
yuck!

squelch!

Haloff

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BIZARRO



Any skills besides biting the heads off salmon?

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BEETLE BAILEY



DID YOU TELL ZERO TO "GET LOST"?

I MIGHT HAVE, WHY?

HE'S BEEN MISSING FOR THREE DAYS

I'LL TEXT HIM TO GET FOUND

5/6 GREG AND MORT WALKER

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RHYMES WITH ORANGE



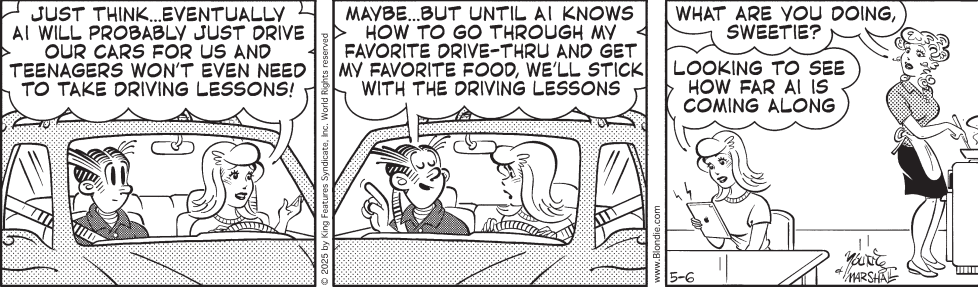
THE STORM

Quite a buildup!

Dentist

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BLONDIE



JUST THINK...EVENTUALLY AI WILL PROBABLY JUST DRIVE OUR CARS FOR US AND TEENAGERS WON'T EVEN NEED TO TAKE DRIVING LESSONS!

MAYBE...BUT UNTIL AI KNOWS HOW TO GO THROUGH MY FAVORITE DRIVE-THRU AND GET MY FAVORITE FOOD, WE'LL STICK WITH THE DRIVING LESSONS

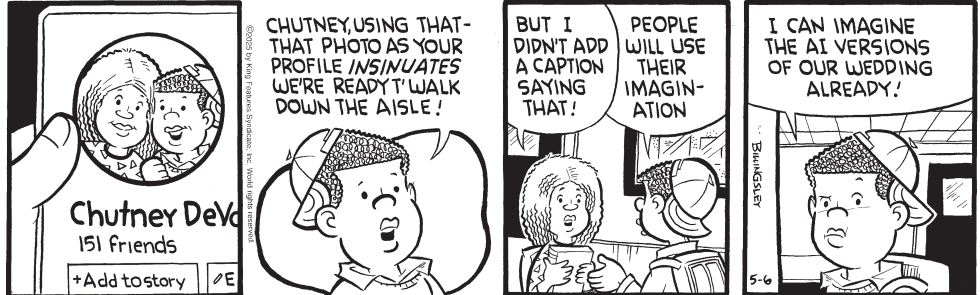
WHAT ARE YOU DOING SWEETIE? LOOKING TO SEE HOW FAR AI IS COMING ALONG

I'LL TEXT HIM TO GET FOUND

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CURTIS



Chutney Dev 151 friends

+Add to story

CHUTNEY, USING THAT PHOTO AS YOUR PROFILE INSINUATES WE'RE READY TO WALK DOWN THE AISLE!

BUT I DIDN'T ADD A CAPTION SAYING THAT!

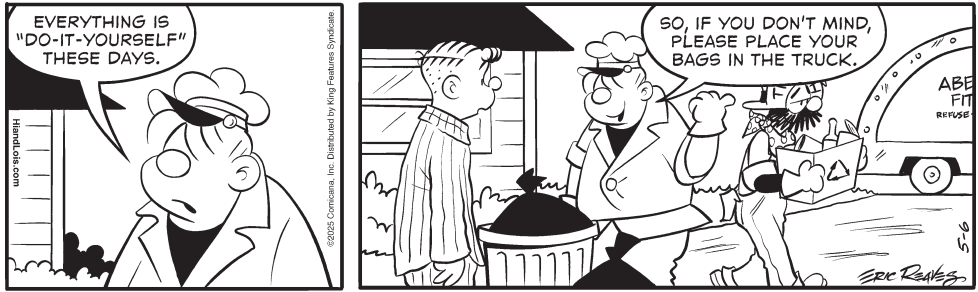
PEOPLE WILL USE THEIR IMAGINATION

I CAN IMAGINE THE AI VERSIONS OF OUR WEDDING ALREADY!

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HI & LOIS



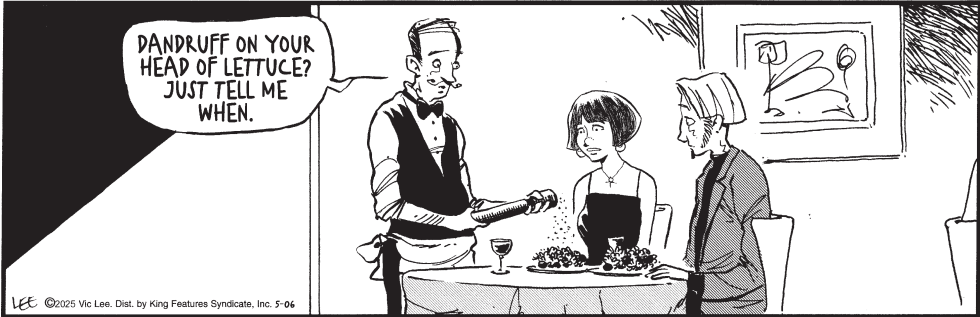
EVERYTHING IS "DO-IT-YOURSELF" THESE DAYS.

SO, IF YOU DON'T MIND, PLEASE PLACE YOUR BAGS IN THE TRUCK.

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PARDON MY PLANET

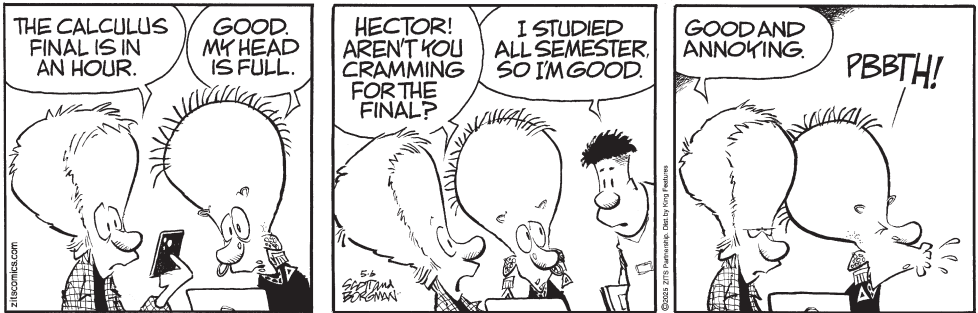


PANDRUFF ON YOUR HEAD OF LETTUCE? JUST TELL ME WHEN.

LEE

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ZITS



THE CALCULUS FINAL IS IN AN HOUR.

GOOD, MY HEAD IS FULL.

HECTOR! AREN'T YOU CRAMMING FOR THE FINAL?

I STUDIED ALL SEMESTER, SO I'M GOOD.

GOOD AND ANNOYING.

PBBTH!

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DUMPLINGS



OKAY, MISS "PLANETS AREN'T COOL," I BROUGHT A TELESCOPE SO YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF THEIR WONDERS.

NO NEED - I BROUGHT MY OWN.

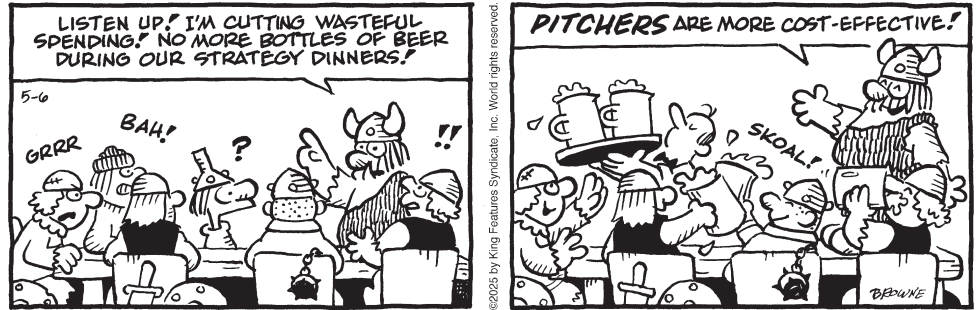
WOW - I HAD NO IDEA SPACE WAS THIS COLORFUL!

THAT'S A KALEIDOSCOPE!

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



LISTEN UP! I'M CUTTING WASTEFUL SPENDING. NO MORE BOTTLES OF BEER DURING OUR STRATEGY DINNERS!

BAH!

PITCHERS ARE MORE COST-EFFECTIVE!

SKOAL!

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SIX CHIX



I LOVE SPRING!

COUGH COUGH WHEEZEE

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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



JUGHAI'D'S GOT ALL TH' NEWS THAT'S FIT T'PRINT AN' LOWEEZY AN' ELVINEY'S GOT ALL TH' NEWS THAT AIN'T !!

JOHN ROSE

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SALLY FORTH



I DON'T HAVE TO READ THE EMAIL, MOM. I ALREADY KNOW IT'S ANOTHER REJECTION FOR OUR GRAPHIC NOVEL...

DO THEY THINK DUNCAN AND I ARE TOO YOUNG TO WRITE A BOOK? DO WE EVEN HAVE A CHANCE AT BEING PUBLISHED? ARE WE JUST FOOLING OURSELVES?!

JUMP IN ANYTIME WITH AN ANSWER, MOM.

I WISH I HAD AN EXPLANATION, SWEETIE. I ABSOLUTELY LOVE YOUR BOOK.

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DUSTIN



MY HUSBAND IS WORRIED ABOUT BALDING. HE'S TRYING THAT HAIR LOSS DRUG, MINOXIDIL.

I TRIED THAT.

WERE YOU SNORTING IT?

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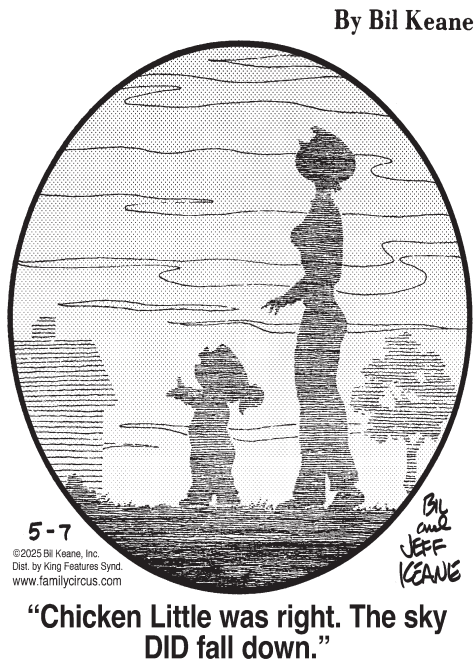
HEY, HO! LET'S GROW!

PETUNIAS NEED CHEERING, TOO.

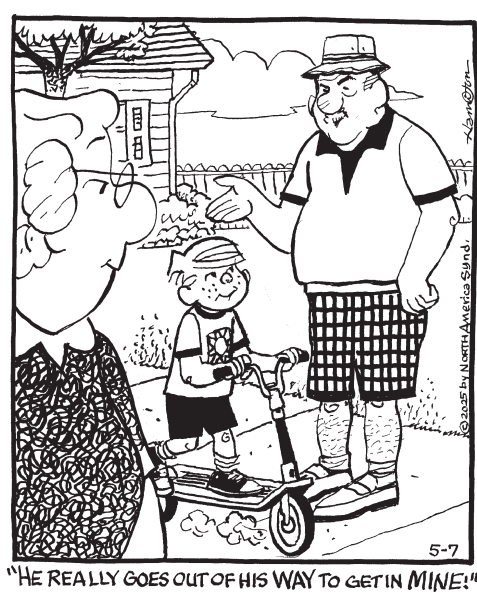
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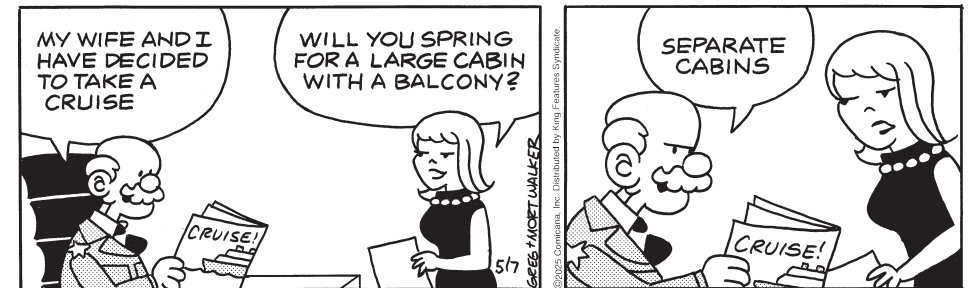
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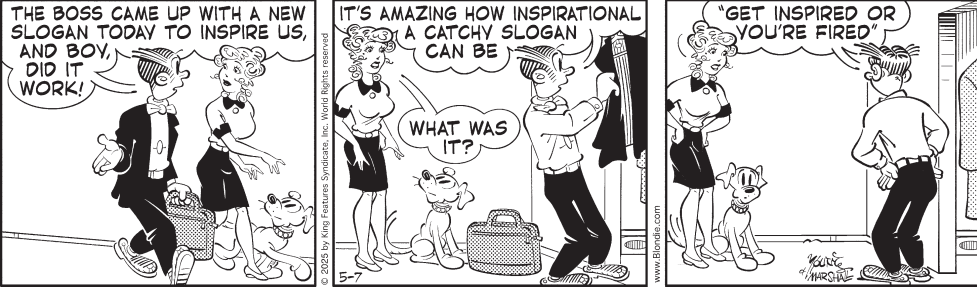
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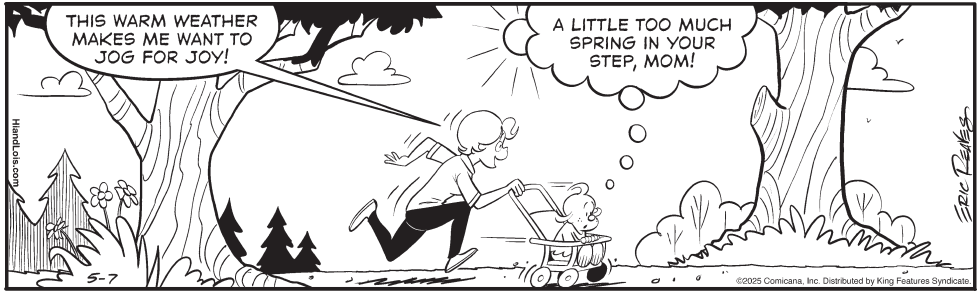
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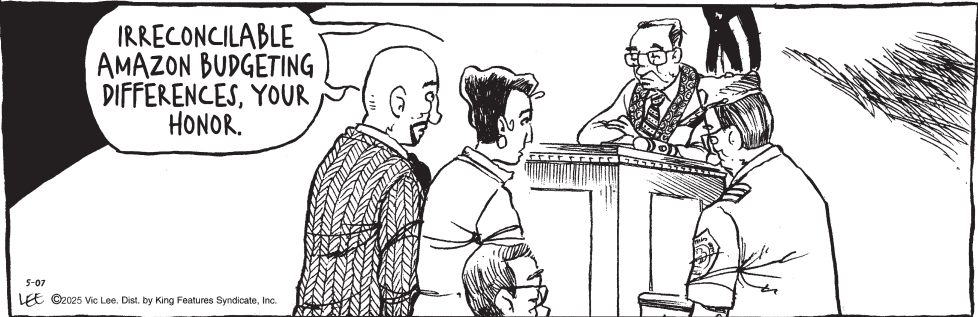
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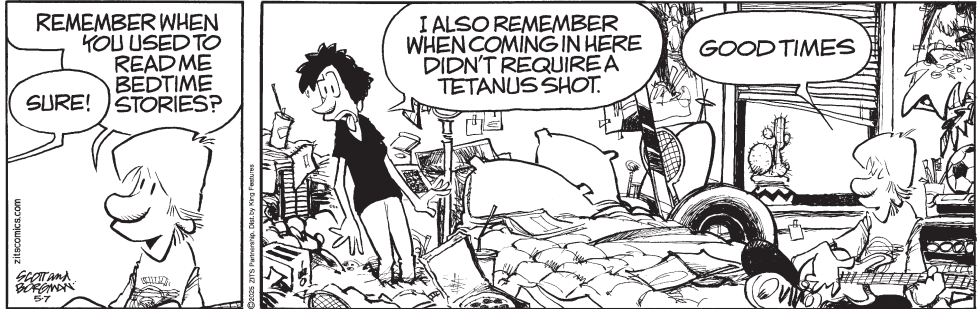
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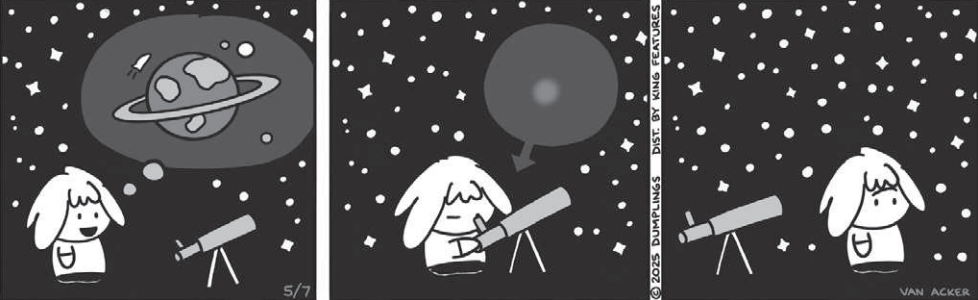
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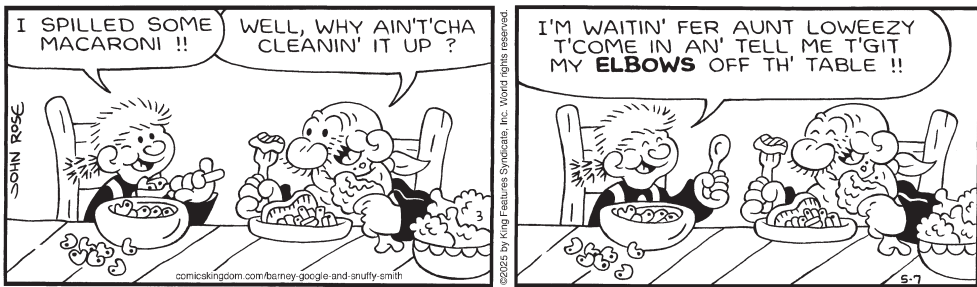
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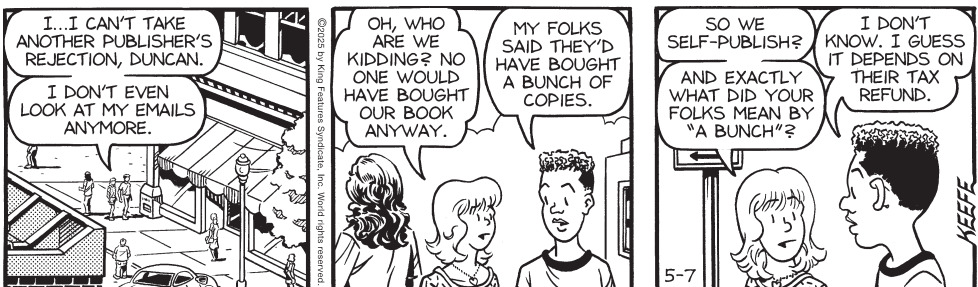
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DUSTIN



MUTTS



Trimble Prom King & Queen

Jordan Middel-
er (left) was
crowed king
and Abigail
Young was
crowed queen
at the Trimble
County High
School prom
held Saturday,
May 3, at City
Place in La
Grange, Ken-
tucky.



Handout

RECORDS

FROM PAGE A1

access to its own records due to the security man-
dated for the criminal evi-
dence. “I don’t know why
on earth they decided to
put Recorder’s stuff in with
evidence in the first place,”
she said.
She said since the
Recorder’s office wasn’t
allowed in the storage area
because of the evidence,
“We didn’t know what we
had,” adding that Molly
O’Connor, who had served
as County Recorder for
the eight years prior to
Stephens, also could not

access County Recorder
records there.
Stephens said it was with
the help of County Com-
missioner Bobby Little that
the Recorder’s office was
able to finally access the
materials.
Stephens said she had
mentioned to Little that
having the records in an
inaccessible location “was
holding me back to bet-
ter this office” and Little
took the initiative to make
phone calls and contact the
right people to finally gain
access those records.
“I appreciate that so
much,” she said, along with
manpower provided by the
County Highway Depart-
ment to move the records

DESIGN

FROM PAGE A1

said Indiana Depart-
ment of Transporta-
tion must also give its
approval for any switch-
boxes that are on state
highways in Jefferson
County. “We’re still
pending approval” and
that’s closer to being
achieved, she said. “It’s
not a huge process but
there are requirements
that were not there
last time” that INDOT
approved switchboxes.
The ARTsy switchboxes
project transforms the
aluminum utility boxes
into art pieces.
Emily McKinney, the
city’s associate direc-
tor of economy devel-
opment, said Deputy
Mayor Tony Steinhart
III is proposing moving
the “Ties That Binds”

sculpture from Lytle
Park to a location where
the Heritage Trail will
soon be connecting to
the south entrance of
Clifty Falls State Park.
The “Ties That Binds”
sculpture, created by
Eric Phagan in 2007,
was constructed entire-
ly of rail spikes from the
Madison Railroad that
are welded together.
McKinney suggested
that moving it to that
area along the trail will
complement the rail-
road that’s in that area.
Commission Presi-
dent Greg Goodknight
said he would “like to
have a little more infor-
mation” before the com-
mission grants approval.
“I agree with the think-
ing behind the reason
to move it” but he feels
more thought is needed
including consideration
of the exact location.
McKinney also

updated about damage
caused by flooding to a
mosaic mural created
by artist Tiffany Black
just east of West Street
in the docking area fac-
ing the Ohio River.
Some of the tiles have
come off, particularly in
one section creating a
large hole in the mosa-
ic. McKinney said she
reached out to Black “to
find out what we want
to do about that moving
forward, and how best
to get that repaired.”
In other business,
officers were elected for
2025 with Goodknight
as president, Phagan
vice president and
Tracy Wyne secretary.
The other commission
members are David Ter-
rell and Cara Fox.

HEALTH

FROM PAGE A1

traffic light at Hutchinson
Lane and Michigan Road
recently malfunctioned due
to “thousands of ants” gain-
ing access to a mechanical
switch board. Once the
ants were removed, the
device again functioned
normal. “It was unreal. I’ve
never seen that many ants
in one place,” he said.
•County Archivist/Grant
writer Brian Amick said
the deadline has passed for
applications for the coun-
ty’s small business grant.
The program is a modifica-
tion from what had been a
Revolving Loan Program in
order to draw the program
to a close. There is slightly
more than \$64,000 available
for grants of which 30 ap-
plications were received that
now need to be evaluated
to determine who will be
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MADISON COURIER BOYS WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

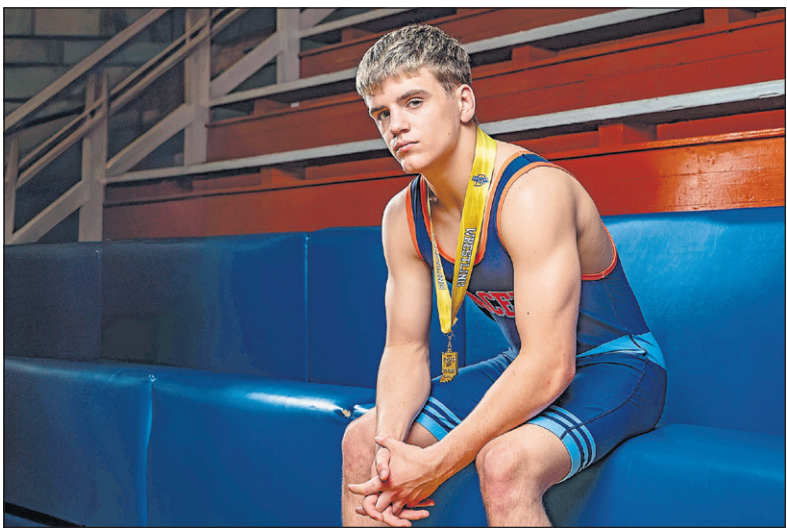
Richards turns last year’s letdown into fuel for success

BY DAVID CAMPBELL
Peyton Richards had as good of a wrestling season as one could hope for a year ago. The Switzerland County High School star breezed through the regular season undefeated, won sectional and regional titles and took

a sparkling 42-0 record into the semistate. But that’s where Richards’ sophomore season ended. Despite being one of the top-ranked wrestlers in his class, Richards suffered a shocking 15-0 technical fall in the quar-

terfinals, ending his season far earlier than expected. But rather than pout about his loss, Richards went to work, both on the mat and off, taking on a training regimen that Rocky

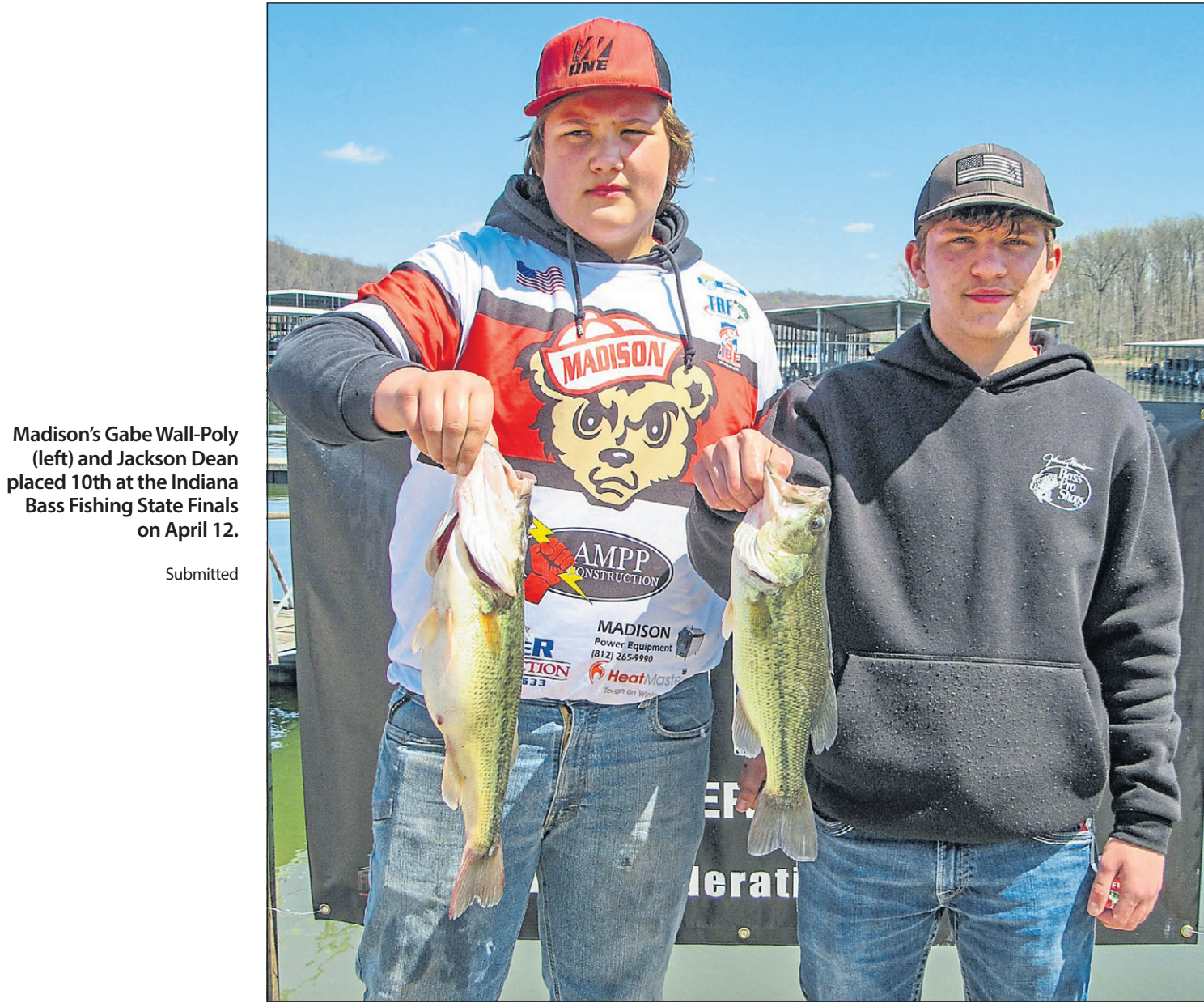
SEE **RICHARDS/PAGE B4**



Nina Campbell
Switzerland County High School junior Peyton Richards is the Madison Courier Boys Wrestler of the Year for the second time in three years.

MADISON COURIER ALL-COURIERAREA WRESTLING TEAM

Name School Cl. Wgt	Ethan Pittman Madison So. 120
Brendan Bentz Madison Fr. 144	*Peyton Richards* Switzerland Co. Jr. 138
Garrett Deuser Madison Fr. 175	Ethan Rose Switzerland Co. Jr. 126
Michael Gross Switzerland Co. Fr. 113	Gabe Rose Switzerland Co. Sr. 144
Ethan Jones Switzerland Co. Sr. 150	Eli Stewart Madison Sr. 126
Kieran Lock Madison Sr. 113	Ayden Waggoner Madison Sr. 190
Leo Oatman Switzerland Co. Fr. 106	*Boys Wrestler of the Year*



Submitted
Madison’s Gabe Wall-Poly (left) and Jackson Dean placed 10th at the Indiana Bass Fishing State Finals on April 12.

Madison bass fishing team competes in state finals

BY THE COURIER STAFF
The Madison Consolidated High School’s Bass Fishing program sent four teams to the Indiana Bass Federation State Championship on Saturday, April 12, with the team captained by Larry Hostetler finishing in 10th place. The IBF/TBF Indiana Bass High School State tournament was contested at Patoka Lake in Celestine, Indiana, with 63 teams competing for the state title. The event also concluded the 2024 season as it comprised the fifth event on the tourney trail. The winning team of Abygale Boyd and Hunter Trainor, captained by renowned bass angler Alan Boyd, of Salem, won the state title with 10.68 pounds of fish. Boyd also boated the Big Bass of the tournament with a 5.09-pound bass.

The tournament also awards six automatic bids to The Bass Federation National Finals, held this year at Grand Lake in Oklahoma. The highest finishing team from Madison was the team Gabe Wall-Polly and Jackson Dean. Gabe boated two bass for the team’s 5.74 pounds, just 1.18 pounds from the National cut. It was a tough tournament for most teams with high water from recent torrential rains complicating pre-tournament practice and creating some difficulty navigating all areas of the lake. Only 24 of the 63 teams were able to land a 15-inch or greater fish. This event also capped the 2024 fishing season for the Madison bass fishing team. The series trail was won

SEE **MADISON/PAGE B2**



Submitted
Madison’s Mitchell Cammack (right) won the Big Bass Award for the 2024 season.

Southwestern sweeps past Madison in girls tennis

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Southwestern swept all five matches but it certainly wasn’t an easy 5-0 win over Madison in girls tennis on Wednesday, April 30, in Hanover. Four of the five matches were won in straight sets but each one was close. The other match — the closest of the day — came at No. 1 singles and went the distance before Annie Ford gutted out a 4-6, 7-5, 10-5 win over Madison’s Ruby Willoughby. “Annie and Ruby were hitting some nice hard angled shots and wearing each other out with some long rallies,”

Southwestern coach Kenny Garrett said. “Annie came back to win the second set and pull out a third set super tie breaker. “I’m really proud of the girls tonight for maintaining their composure when tested in some matches. It was warm and both teams hung tough.” At No. 2 singles, Natalie LaRue picked up a 6-3, 6-0 win over Alexa Davis, and at No. 3 singles, Emma Hatton defeated Avery Clayton 6-3, 6-4. In doubles, Raygan Crawford and Ava Barnes beat Marley Stivers and Bridget Boles 6-3, 6-0 at No. 1 and Kaylee Hite and Jocelyn John-

son knocked off Michelle Laguna Rafael and Olivia Scroggins 7-5, 6-1. On Thursday, Southwestern defeated Austin 4-1. Ford knocked off Brynn Owens, a semistate qualifier last year, in two sets at No. 1 singles, Hatton won at No. 2 singles, Crawford and Barnes remained unbeaten at No. 1 doubles and Hite and Johnson won No. 2 doubles. Southwestern, now 9-1 on the season, had two matches rained out late in the week. The Rebels traveled to Scottsburg on Monday and hosts New Washington on Tuesday.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MAY 6

BASEBALL

Switzerland Co. hosts South Ripley, 5:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. at Eminence, 6 p.m.
Madison hosts Scottsburg, 6 p.m.
Trimble Co. hosts Owen Co., 6 p.m.

GOLF

Switzerland Co. boys hosts Southwestern, South Ripley, 4:30 p.m.
Shawe boys host Jac-Cen-Del, Rising Sun, 5 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Switzerland Co. hosts South Ripley, 5 p.m.
Southwestern at Jac-Cen-Del, 5:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. at Eminence, 6 p.m.
Trimble Co. hosts Owen Co., 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Madison girls host Austin, 4:30 p.m.
Southwestern girls hosts New Washington, 4:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Shawe, Switzerland Co. at South Ripley, 5 p.m.
Southwestern at Charlestown, 5 p.m.
Carroll Co. hosts all-comers, 5:30 p.m.
Madison hosts Jennings Co., 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Southwestern boys host Shawe, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

BASEBALL

Shawe hosts Jac-Cen-Del, 5 p.m.
Southwestern at Rising Sun, 5:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Madison hosts Salem, 5:30 p.m.
Southwestern at Rising Sun, 5:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. hosts Austin, 5:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Trimble Co. hosts Eminence, 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Southwestern boys at Jennings Co., 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

BASEBALL

Shawe at Trinity Lutheran, 5:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. at Eminence, 6 p.m.
Trimble Co. at Owen Co., 6 p.m.

GOLF

Southwestern boys host Shawe, Switzerland Co., 4:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Madison hosts Eastern (Pekin), 5:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. hosts Eminence, 6 p.m.
Trimble Co. at Owen Co., 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Shawe girls host South Dearborn, 5 p.m.
Madison girls at Milan, 5:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Southwestern, Switzerland Co. at Rising Sun, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Madison boys host Columbus North, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

BASEBALL

Southwestern at Jac-Cen-Del, 5:30 p.m.
Madison hosts Lawrenceburg, 6 p.m.
Trimble Co. hosts Newport, 6 p.m.

GOLF

Hanover College men, HCAC Championships at Earlham, 10 a.m.

SOFTBALL

Southwestern at Brown Co., 5:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Shawe girls at Scottsburg, 5 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Madison at Jennings Co., 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Madison boys hosts Scottsburg, 6:30 p.m.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Rebels’ Traylor strikes out 11 in one-hitter over Jac-Cen-Del

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Adam Traylor was dominate on the mound, tossing a one-hit shutout with 11 strikeouts to lead Southwestern baseball to an 11-0 win over Jac-Cen-Del at home on Wednesday, April 30.
Traylor also had a hit, an RBI and scored three runs for a Southwestern offense that had nine hits. Jeter Chatham was 2-for-3 with a double and two runs scored, Brady Cook had two hits, two RBIs and two runs, Tryson Warren had a double and two RBIs, and Braxton Lewis had a double and an RBI.
Southwestern, now 9-5 overall and 6-0 Ohio River Valley Conference, had its doubleheader at Scottsburg on Saturday rained out. The Rebels travel to Rising Sun on Wednesday and to Jac-Cen-Del on Friday.

CUBS DROP CLOSE ONE
Madison lost a 2-1 baseball pitchers’ duel at Batesville on Friday.
Madison starter Matt McCarty struck out five and allowed only five hits in six innings but ended up with the loss. Kaid Fink had two hits and scored a run for the Cubs while Nick Johnson and Bodie Heckler each had a hit.
Madison, now 10-3 on the season, had its doubleheader against South Dearborn on Saturday rained out. The Cubs host Scottsburg on Tuesday and host Lawrenceburg on Friday.

PACERS WIN ONE, LOSE TWO
Switzerland County picked up an ORVC win and lost a doubleheader in three games last week.
On Wednesday, April 30, Switzerland defeated Rising Sun 10-0. Roman Hite pitched five

scoreless innings, allowing just one hit while strking out four for the win.
Bryce Eaglin was 2-for-3 with a double and three RBIs for the Pacers, Hite was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI, and Carson Byrd was 2-for-3 with two RBIs.
On Saturday, Switzerland suffered losses to Brownstown and Eastern (Greene) at Brownstown.
The Pacers lost to Brownstown 4-3. Jackson Sparks had three hits and scored a run, Byrd went 2-for-4 with a home run, and Cooper Todd had a double. Kemper Kitts allowed one run in four innings on the hill and was the hard-luck loser.
Switzerland was held to two hits in a 3-0 loss to Eastern. Eaglin had a double and Todd a single for the Pacers. Caleb Ridener allowed one earned run

in 2-1/3 innings and was tagged with the loss.
Switzerland, now 6-5 overall and 3-2 ORVC, traveled to Shawe on Monday and hosts South Ripley in a make-up game Tuesday. The Pacers head to Lawrenceburg on Wednesday and host Salem on Thursday.

RAIDERS LOSE TO EMINENCE
Trimble County dropped an 8-2 decision at Eminence on Thursday.
The Raiders had seven hits in the game with Nolan Hunt hitting a home run, Dylan Penick was 2-for-3 with a double, and Jacoby Clark had a hit and an RBI.
Penick gave up four earned runs on four hits in four innings and took the loss.
Trimble, now 5-12 overall and 2-5 31st District, hosts Owen

County on Tuesday and travels to Owen County on Thursday.

SHAWE FALLS TO MILAN
Shawe suffered a 15-0 loss at Milan on Wednesday, April 30.
Traevin Liston had a single for the Hilltoppers’ lone hit. Liston also suffered the loss on the mound after allowing five earned runs on nine hits in two innings.
The Indians got the only run they would need in the first inning and blew the game open with a nine-run second. Ben Knolton tossed a five inning one-hitter for the Indians with one walk and four stikeouts.
Shawe, now 0-10 overall and 0-6 ORVC, had the rest of its games last week rained out. The Hilltoppers hosted Switzerland County on Monday, host Jac-Cen-Del Wednesday and travel to Trinity Lutheran Thursday.

MADISON

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overall by Wes Warnock and Eli Van Ness, second place went to Jakob Dreher and Lukas Dreher and third to Boyd and Trainor.
The final standings for Madison were: Ayden Liter/Braxton Bray, 14th, 369 points; Brayden Perry/Clayton Ross, 17th, 357 points; Gabe Wall-Polly/Jackson Dean, 24th, 357 points; Carson Cammack/

Mitchell Cammack, 35th, 271 points; Grant Comer/Wyatt Overpeck, 37th, 262 points; and Cooper Chandler/Owain Kelsey, 51st, 172 points.
At the conclusion of the weigh-in, the Eli Newberry Memorial Big Bass Award was presented to Mitchell Cammack, for his 5.23-pound largemouth bass caught at Rocky Point in the first event of the 2024 season.
The junior division also held their final event of the season at the same time but due to a lack of available boat captains, Madison didn’t have any competitors in the event. The highest finishing Madison teams were: Floyd Davis

IV/Gavin Brittain, eighth, 291 points; Brantley Conover/Kaden Ehlers, 11th, 228 points; and Kohen Smith/Nate Adams, 12th, 224 points.
With the conclusion of the season, two Madison seniors — Mitchell Cammack and Nick Johnson — wrap up their high school careers.
The new season kicks off officially June 7, back at Patoka Lake for the first trail event of the year.

Madison looks to field eight teams for the 2025 High School season with at least one angler needing a boat captain. For the Junior season there is one team ready to go with seven anglers currently on the sideline without a boat captain.
Contact coaches Chris Cammack, Robert Cooper or Randy Spry Jr. for information on how to be a volunteer boat captain.
The MCHS Fishing Team is also current-

ly accepting financial or in-kind sponsorships for the 2025 season, with 29 student anglers on the roster there is a need to help fund uniforms, registration, tournament fees and equipment. The current national sponsors

include Whitewater Fish, Vicious Fishing, Cast Cray and Southern Indiana Bait Company. Major local sponsors for 2025 were Amp Construction, Yoder Construction, HeatMaster and The Chelsea Bassmasters.



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO RECEIVE QUOTES

Notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the Switzerland County School Corporation will receive quotes for the following:

MOWING SERVICE

for

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

for the

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Quotes will be received at the Office of the Superintendent, Switzerland County School Corporation, Vevay Indiana 47043, until the hour of **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2025**. Opening quotes will occur at **9:00 a.m.** at the Administration Office that same day. Recommendation will be made at the School Board meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, May 19, 2025**. Complete specifications may be obtained in the Office of the Superintendent, Switzerland County School Corporation, Vevay, Indiana 47043. These forms will be mailed upon request.

The Board of School Trustees of the Switzerland County School Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all quotes in part or in whole and to waive any irregularities. Kathryn Collier, Secretary Switzerland Co. School Corporation 1040 W. Main St Vevay, IN 47043



LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Madison Regatta Board, PO box 341, Madison IN, 47243 has applied to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Law Enforcement, Under IC 14-15-7-3 and 312 IAC 5-3-1, for a permit to conduct a Motorboat Race. This event is scheduled to be held on July 3rd-July 6th, the Ohio River in Jefferson county IN. Any person objecting to such an event may do either or both the following:

File a petition with the central office of the division requesting an informal hearing. The petition must be signed by the least twenty-five (25) individuals who are at least eighteen (18) years old and who reside in the county where the event will occur. A hearing on this clause is governed by 312 IAC 2-3.

Request the division notify the petitioner in writing when an initial determination is made to issue or deny the license. Following the receipt of notice under this clause, a petitioner may request administrative review of the determination under 312 IAC 3-1.



LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:

IN THE JEFFERSON
CIRCUIT COURT
ESTATE NUMBER 39C01-2504-EU-000030

IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE
OF ALMA JANE MOORE,
DECEASED.

William Joseph Jenner,
JENNER, PATTISON &
SHARPE,
508 E. Main Street, Madison,
IN 47250; (812) 265-5132

**NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY,
INDIANA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF ALMA JANE
MOORE, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that Randall L. Moore was, on the 5th day of April, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of Alma Jane Moore, deceased, who died on the 23rd day of January, 2025.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent’s death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 5th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of
Jefferson County, IN
(SEAL)



LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

Hanover Town Council

Hanover Park

Community Center

200 Spruce Lane,

Hanover, IN 47243

1. Pursuant to applicable law, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hanover Town Council will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 20, 2025, to receive public comment, verbally or in writing, regarding the first reading of the Water Rate Increase Ordinance.

2. Pursuant to applicable law, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hanover Town Council will hold a Public Hearing immediately following the previous hearing at 6:10 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, 2025 (whichever is later), to receive public comment, verbally or in writing, regarding the first reading of the Stormwater Fee Ordinance.

\$5.00 per ERU for Residential
\$1.00 per ERU for Non-Residential

The ordinances are available for viewing during normal business hours at Town Hall, 11 N. Madison Avenue, Hanover, IN 47243. Contact person: Questions may be answered by calling Coby Cloud, Clerk Treasurer, at (812)866-2131 during normal business hours. The Public Hearings may need to be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. The meeting place is ADA compliant. For other special accommodations phone (812)866-2131 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.



LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
IN THE JEFFERSON
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 39C01-2504-MI-353

THE THE MATTER OF:
Alexia Dawn Schwerdtfeger
Petitioner

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

Alexia Dawn Schwerdtfeger, whose mailing address is: 17 S Main Cross St., Hanover, Indiana 47243, in the Jefferson County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Alexander Harrison Adams has filed a petition in the Jefferson County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Alexia Dawn Gingerich.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: Tuesday, June 17th, 2025 @ 10:00am.
Alexia Dawn Schwerdtfeger
Petitioner
4/15/2025
Tabatha Eblen
Jefferson County Clerk



LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
IN THE JEFFERSON
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 39C01-2504-MI-354

THE THE MATTER OF:
Alexander Harrison Adams
Petitioner

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CHANGE OF NAME**

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Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: June 17, 2025 @ 10:00am.
Alexander Harrison Adams
Petitioner
4/09/2025
Tabatha Eblen
Jefferson County Clerk



LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING REGARDING
PROPOSED ORDINANCE
2025-6 OF THE COMMON
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MADISON TO
REESTABLISH THE
CUMULATIVE CAPITAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana, that the Common Council will consider at 101 W Main Street at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, the reestablishment of the cumulative capital development fund under the provisions of Indiana Code 36-9-15.5 for all uses as set out in 36-9-15.5.

The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$0.0500 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The proposed fund will be levied beginning with taxes due and payable in the year 2026. Taxpayers appearing at such hearing shall have the right to be heard thereon. The proposal for reestablishment of the cumulative capital development fund is subject to approval by the Department of Local Government Finance. Within 30 days after the date of the adoption of the cumulative fund by the Common Council, the City of Madison will publish a Notice of Adoption. Upon publication of the Notice of Adoption, twenty-five (25) or more taxpayers in the taxing district may file a petition with the Jefferson County Auditor not later than noon 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Adoption setting forth their objections to the proposed fund.

The complete text of the proposed amendment to the Rate Ordinance is on file and available for examination and copying at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer at the City Hall, 101 West Main Street, Madison, Indiana 47250, during regular business hours, and will be available at the public hearing.

Dated: May 2, 2025
CITY OF MADISON,
INDIANA, Mayor’s Office



LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
SS:
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2504-MI-000393
BARBARA SCHAUM,
Plaintiff,
vs.
HOME FEDERAL BANK.,
EVERHOME MORTGAGE
COMPANY, WELLS FARGO,
NA,
and
UNKNOWN INTEREST
HOLDERS IN A MORTGAGE
RELATED TO THE
REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT
1152 E 400 N, Madison, IN
47250,
Defendants.

SUMMONS

TO: ANY UNKNOWN INTEREST HOLDERS IN A MORTGAGE
1152 & 1200 E 400 N, Madison, IN 47250
THE STATE OF INDIANA to the above persons/entities named as Defendants and any other persons who may be concerned.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that you have been sued in the court above named by the person named as Plaintiff. The nature of the suit is a Complaint to Quiet Title wherein Plaintiff seeks to quiet title to the subject real estate and release unreleased mortgages held by one of the above defendants. You must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title in writing by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published and if you fail to do so title to subject real estate should be quieted in the name of Plaintiffs and the mortgages will be released.

The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Devon M. Sharpe, of Jenner, Pattison & Sharpe, 508 East Main Street, Madison, Indiana, 47250, Telephone: (812) 265-5132.

Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 24th day of April, 2025.
Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of
Jefferson County, Indiana

EMPLOYMENT

The Town of Patriot is looking to hire an unsafe building enforcement officer, interested parties may apply at the Patriot Town Hall 352 Third ST. Monday Through Friday 8am to 4pm. Questions please call the Utility/Town Hall office at 812-594-2243.

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NOTICE OF SALE: On May 29, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., Madison Village Manufactured Home Community will sell to the highest bidder the following mobile home: 1997 Holly Park Mobile Home with Serial No. NHP971459 owned by Ann Marie & Kerry David Pies. The sale will take place at 253 W Horizon Dr. Site #266 Madison, IN 47250.



**LEGAL
NOTICE**

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, SS:
JEFFERSON SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 39D01-2505-MI-000415
WFG PROPERTIES LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN OWNERS OF
950 N. US 421, MADISON, IN 47250, Defendants.

SUMMONS

TO: ANY UNKNOWN INTEREST HOLDERS IN REAL ESTATE
LOCATED AT 950+ N. US 421, Madison, IN 47250
THE STATE OF INDIANA to the above persons/entities named as Defendants and any other persons who may be concerned.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that you have been sued in the court above named by the person named as Plaintiff. The nature of the suit is a Complaint to Quiet Title wherein Plaintiff seeks to quiet title to the subject real estate in the name of WFG Properties LLC (legal description below).

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

0.983 Acres

SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, MADISON TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA AND BEING A TRACT OF LAND AS UNKNOWN PROPERTY THIS DESCRIPTION IS BASED ON AN ORIGINAL SURVEY PREPARED BY HREZO ENGINEERING, UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF JAMES J. BERTRAM JR. LS #22200012 DATED DECEMBER 17, 2024, HAVING A JOB NUMBER OF 24-374 WITH THE BASIS OF BEARING FOR THIS DESCRIPTION IS THE INDIANA STATE PLANE, US SURVEY FOOT, GEIOD 18, NAD83 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A FOUND 5/8" REBAR WITH O'BRIEN CAP AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST; THENCE WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, N89°32'42"E, 343.88 FEET;

THENCE WITH THE EAST LINE OF CRAVENS PLAT, RECORDED IN BOOK 1 PAGE 32 OF COUNTY RECORDS, N17°42'05"E, 1774.10 FEET TO A FOUND 5/8" REBAR CAPPED BY BERTRAM AT THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF PROPERTY CONVEYED TO WFG PROPERTIES LLC, INSTRUMENT NUMBER 202403513 OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY RECORD'S RECORDS, S57°55'04"E, 143.20 FEET TO A FOUND 5/8" REBAR WITH CAP IN THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 90 N;

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4. S61°36'10"W, 23.21 FEET TO A SET 5/8" REBAR WITH CAP; THENCE N41°23'26"W, 117.43 FEET TO A FOUND 5/8" REBAR CAPPED BY BERTRAM ON THE EAST LIMITED ACCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF US HWY 421;

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ALL CALLED SET IRON PIN AND CAPS ARE 5/8" REBAR WITH RED CAP STAMPED "J. BERTRAM IN LS#22200012, 30" IN LENGTH.

You must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title in writing by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published and if you fail to do so title to subject real estate should be quieted in the name of WFG Properties LLC.

The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff is Devon M. Sharpe, of Jenner, Pattison & Sharpe, 508 East Main Street, Madison, Indiana, 47250, Telephone: (812) 265-5132.

Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 1st day of May, 2025.
Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Superior Court
Jefferson County, Indiana

SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Southwestern walks-off JCD in 9-8 win

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Paisley Hendrix scored on a wild pitch in the bottom of the seventh inning to lift Southwestern softball to a 9-8 win over Jac-Cen-Del at home on Wednesday, April 30.
Jenna Owens was 3-for-4 with an RBI for the Rebels. Riley Crawford had two hits, an RBI and scored two runs, Nataley Morrison had a double and three RBIs and Hendrix had a hit and two RBIs.
Chloey Leach gave up just one earned run on four hits in seven innings for the win.
Southwestern, now 7-4 overall and 1-3 Ohio River Valley Conference, had games rained out Friday and Saturday. The Rebels travel to Jac-Cen-Del on Tuesday, Rising Sun on Wednesday and Brown County on Friday.

CUBS ROLL OVER SCOTTSBURG
Madison softball had no problem with Scottsburg, rolling to a 22-4 win at home on Wednesday,

April 30.
The Cubs had 14 hits in the game. Ava Armbrecht was 3-for-4 with a triple, two doubles, four RBIs and three runs scored, Kyra Ayler was 2-for-4 with a triple, four RBIs and four runs scored, Lanie Alexander was 2-for-2 with a double and two RBIs, Mashya Wells had a hit, two RBIs and two runs scored, and Lexi Douglas and Rachel Couch each had a hit and two RBIs.
Emily Laufer struck out eight and gave up one earned run on one hit in four innings for the win.
Madison, now 7-4 on the season, had its game at Switzerland County on Friday rained out. The Cubs traveled to Charlestown on Monday, hosts Salem on Wednesday and hosts Eastern (Pekin) on Thursday.
TRIMBLE BEATS COLLINS
Trimble County softball scored four runs in the top of the eighth inning to beat Collins 6-3 on Friday in Shebyville.

Alyssa Ritchie was 3-for-5 with two doubles and three RBIs for the Raiders while Jocie Stucker and Kendall Holbrook each had a hit and an RBI. Hannah Chilton went all eight innings in the circle and struck out eight for the win.
Trimble, now 14-7 overall, traveled to South Oldham on Monday, hosts Owen County on Tuesday and travels to Owen County on Thursday.
CARROLL FALLS TO HENRY
Henry County scored two runs in the top of the seventh to beat Carroll County softball 6-4 on Wednesday, April 30, in Carrollton.
Brooklyn Rose was 2-for-4 with a double, a triple and two RBIs for the Panthers. Audrey Carli and Madi Groves each had a hit and an RBI.
Mallory Noble took the loss after allowing six runs on three hits in 6-1/3 innings.
Carroll, now 12-4 overall and 3-3 31st District, trav-

els to Eminence on Tuesday and hosts Eminence on Thursday.
PACERS LOSE TO RISING SUN
Switzerland County was held to two hits in a 7-1 softball loss at Rising Sun on Wednesday, April 30.
Serenity Beard had a double and an RBI for the Pacers and Macy Cook had a hit. Bri Stow allowed three earned runs on no hits with six walks for the loss.
Switzerland, now 1-7 overall and 1-4 ORVC, had its game with Madison on Friday rained out. The Pacers host South Ripley on Tuesday and Austin on Wednesday.

Madison volleyball swept at Franklin Central

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Madison boys volleyball went 0-4 in the very tough Franklin Tournament on Saturday.
The Cubs lost 2-0 (25-17, 25-16) to Lafayette Jefferson, 2-0 (25-18, 25-16) to Zionsville, 2-1 to Perry Meridian and 2-0 to Franklin.
Against Zionsville, Jackson Schafer had four kills, Nick Jines had four kills and four digs, Zander Bauer had eight digs, and Aiden Smith had nine assists.
Against Perry Meridian, Kyle Roney had nine kills and nine digs, Schafer had seven kills and nine digs, Bauer had nine digs, and

Smith had 21 assists.
Against Franklin, Schafer had five kills, Jines had five kills, Roney had five digs, and Smith had 12 assists.
No statistics for the Lafayette Jefferson game were available.
Madison, now 12-11 on the season, traveled to Rock Creek on Monday, hosts Columbus North Thursday and Scottsburg on Friday.

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TRACK ROUNDUP

Switzerland sweeps, Southwestern sets record in Switz Invite

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Switzerland County's track & field teams both claimed victories and Southwestern's girls continued their assault on the school record book in the Switzerland County Invitational on Thursday.
Switzerland County's girls scored 192 points to easily best runner-up Southwestern, which had 80 points. South Ripley was third with 73, Rising Sun was fourth with 56, Milan was fifth with 50, New Washington was sixth with 33, and Jac-Cen-Del was seventh with six points.
Switzerland County's boys scored 155 points to beat Southwestern, which had 106. Milan was third with 98, South Ripley was fourth with 76, Jac-Cen-Del was fifth with 28, Rising Sun was sixth with 25, and New Washington was seventh with 17.
Southwestern freshman Savannah Nussbaum broke her own school record in the 1600-meter run for the third time this season, coming in first in 5:28.98, while Olivia Simpson, Mikayla Nussbaum, Sophie Ford

and Tori Gammons broke the school record in the 1600 relay with a winning time of 4:18.39. The quartet also broke the meet record in the 3200 relay in a winning time of 10:04.19.
Nussbaum also won the 3200 run in 11:43.75 and Simpson won the 800 run in 2:29.91.
Wins for the Switzerland County boys were: Cale Collier, 800 run, 2:09.13; Kolvin Beck, 110 hurdles, 16.71; Matt Young, high jump, 5-6 and long jump, 20-9; Alex Bailey, Young, Josiah Holliday and Ty Lay, 400 relay, 45.98; and Landon Penhall, Holliday, Collier and Lay, 1600 relay, 3:34.60.
Wins for the Switzerland County girls were: Madison Spilman, 100 dash, 12.65, 200 dash, 26.03 and long jump, 15-8.75; Lauren Smith, 300 hurdles, 52.89; Addy Preston, shot put, 32-6; Baylee Romans, high jump, 4-10; and Triniti Blevins, Smith, Emma Parsons and Spilman, 400 relay, 52.40.
Southwestern's Bryce Weber won the boys discus in 148 feet, 10 inches and the shot put in 41 feet, 6 inches and Kaedon Hig-

gins won the boys 300 hurdles in 43.83.
Other top finishes for the Switzerland boys were: Ty Lay, second, 200 dash, 23.64 and third, 100 dash, 11.71; Cale Collier, second, 400 dash, 52.73; Landon Gross, second, 1600 run, 5:00.47; Ethan Jones, second, 110 hurdles, 17.97; Kolvin Beck, second, 300 hurdles, 44.88 and second, shot put, 40-9; Landon Gross, Josiah Holliday, Luke Sullivan and Collier, second, 3200 relay, 9:10.70; Sullivan, third, 3200 run, 11:40.51; and Alex Bailey, third, high jump, 5-4 and third, long jump, 17-5.25.
Other top finishes for the Switzerland boys were: Emma Parsons, second, 200 dash, 28.37 and third, 100 dash, 13.47; Claire Rogers, second, 1600 run, 5:54.00 and third, 3200 run, 13:25.65; Amber Detmer, second, 3200 run, 12:39.98 and third, 1600 run, 6:09.10; Ashlyn Jesop, second, 300 hurdles, 54.23 and second, high jump, 4-8; Taylor Kappes, Emma South, Triniti Blevins and Lauren Smith, second, 1600 relay,

4:38.88; Detmer, Kappes, Kaylynn Schaefer and Rogers, second, 3200 relay, 11:45.62; Kappes, third, 400 dash, 1:08.17; Schaefer, third, 800 run, 2:48.80; and Smith, third, 100 hurdles, 18.83.
Other top results for the Southwestern boys were: Connor Johnson, second, 100 dash, 11.70; Caden Ream, second, 3200 run, 11:00.13 and third, 1600 run, 5:00.58; Johnson, Elliot Brooks, Zeke Weatherbee and Kaedon Higgins, second, 400 relay, 46.53; Brady Cook, third, 400 dash, 54.15; Brooks, third, 110 hurdles, 18.43; and Ream, Pagerick Giltner, Leyton Lare and Andrew Nussbaum, third, 3200 relay, 9:17.56.
Other top results for the Southwestern girls were: Tori Gammons, second, 400 dash, 1:06.08; Sophie Ford, second, 800 run, 2:33.57; Sarah Schneider, fourth, 3200 run, 15:05.79; Makenzie Marian, Emily Riggs, Jenna Owens and Macy Adams, fourth, 400 relay, 57.92; and Marian, fifth, 200 dash, 29.75.
Switzerland County competes

at South Ripley on Tuesday and Southwestern competes at Charlestown on Tuesday. Both teams are at Rising Sun on Thursday.
CUBS STOPPED AT SHELBYVILLE
Madison's track & field meet at Shelbyville on Thursday was halted by weather after just three events.
Anna Black won the girls high jump at 5 feet, 2 inches and Jason Cosby won the boys discus in 143 feet, 4 inches.
Other finishes for the Madison girls were: Dellah Gibson, third, high jump, 4-8; Poppy Kelsey, Haley Ferguson, Tayleigh Johnson and Scout Porter, fourth, 3200 relay, 11:09.37; and Sofia Bentz, fifth, 100 hurdles, 18.83.
Other finishes for the Madison boys were: L.J. Harvey, third, 110 hurdles, 17.10; William Overpeck, fourth, discus, 121-0; and Danny Mack, fifth, long jump, 17-7.5.
Madison hosts Jennings County on Tuesday and competes at Jennings County on Friday.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Women's golf places 5th in HCAC Championships

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Hanover women's golf placed fifth in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships at the Kearney Hill Golf Links in Lexington, Kentucky, over the weekend. The tournament was shortened to two rounds due to rain.
The Panthers shot a two-round total of 708. Mount St. Joseph won the title with a 639 and Rose-Hulman was second with a 649.
Addison Livorno led Hanover with a sev-

enth-place finish with a 162. Kami Cooper was 17th with a 171, Hailey Hansen was 21st with a 176, and Madelyn Arrenholz was 30th with a 199.
Madison's Jenna Imel placed 32nd for Franklin with a 204.
TENNIS ENDS IN HCAC TOURNEY
Hanover College's tennis seasons both came to an end in the HCAC Tournament last week.
The women fell 6-1 to Anderson in the quarterfinals in Indianapolis.

Cami Crist and Annamarie Stogsdill won 6-3 at No. 1 doubles.
The men fell 4-1 to Franklin in Louisville on Thursday. Jake Fascione won 6-3, 6-3 at No. 1 singles.
The women ended their season with a 4-8 record. The men ended their season with a 7-7 record.
SOFTBALL SPLITS TO FRANKLIN
Hanover softball split a doubleheader at home with Franklin on Wednesday, April 30.

The Panthers lost the opener 7-2. LauRie Harmless went 3-for-4 with a triple and an RBI, Madi Kammer had two hits and an RBI, and Southwestern's Ashley Fulton had a double.
Lauren Beaman took the loss after allowing five runs on seven hits in 4-2/3 innings.
Hanover won game two 6-4. Sydnie Raisor went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI, and Jade Wims and Sydney Foy each had a hit and two RBIs.
Lulu Van Beek gave up one run on four hits in four

innings for the win.
Hanover, now 11-19 overall and 7-9 HCAC, had its season-ending doubleheader delayed from Saturday to Monday due to the weather.
BASEBALL SWEEP BY ANDERSON
Hanover baseball dropped a doubleheader to Anderson on Friday at home.
The Panthers lost the first game 5-4 in 10 innings and fell 13-2 in eight innings in game two.
Reid Douglas went 3-for-

4 with a double and two RBIs in the first game, Jake Danneman was 2-for-5 with a double and an RBI and Dylan Toler had a double.
Wyatt Colvin gave up two runs on three hits in four innings but took the loss.
Keelan Dyson had three hits in game two for the Panthers and Trevor Jones had a double. Chris Hautman gave up eight runs in 5-1/3 innings for the loss.
Hanover hosted Anderson on Monday in the Panthers' season finale.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF
— Southwestern Middle School girls tennis lost 4-1 to Christian Academy of Indiana last week.
Olivia Johnson won 8-2 in singles while Shaylee Cosby lost 8-1 and Bristol Bowman lost 8-2 in singles. In doubles, Akira Bruner and Ella Spry fell 8-0 and Molly Bruce and Josie Peck lost 8-3.
In exhibition doubles play, Ella Spry and Akira Bruner won 6-3, Airibella Beebe and Alyssa Etherton lost 6-2, and Sydney Lutz and Bristol Bowman lost 6-3.
— Southwestern won 12 events and Shawe had three wins in a middle school track & field event in

Hanover last Wednesday, April 30.
Top finishes for Southwestern's girls were: Kaylynn Warren, first, 400 dash, 1:09.50 and second, high jump, 4-2; Harper Green, first, 800 run, 2:33.79 and first, 1600 run, 5:23.26; Kaylee Garvey, first, 2400 run, 10:54.85; Mallory Johnson, 100 hurdles, 21.25; Josie Hubbard, first, discus, 63-5 and first, shot put, 29-3 1600 relay, first, 5:01.88; Distance medley relay, first, 14:50.02; Callie Farmer, second, 800 run, 2:46.19 and third, 1600 run, 6:05.19; Amelia Sloan, second, 100 hurdles, 21.67 and second, long jump, 12-1; Bella Adams, second, discus, 45-8 and third, shot put, 25-2; Isabella Farmer, second, shot put, 25-9; 400 relay, second, 1:02.48; Sydney

Spitler, third, 100 dash, 14.81; Shaylee Cosby, third, 200 dash, 31.28; and Aniston Overpeck, third, discus, 41-3.
Top finishes for the Southwestern boys were: Quinton Lewis, first, high jump, 4-8 and second, 800 run, 2:38.24; 1600 relay, first, 4:33.39; Distance medley relay, first, 14:50.04; Levi Franklin, second, 100 dash, 13.07 and third, 400 dash, 1:06.39; Bryson Lettieri, second, 200 dash, 28.08, second, 400 dash, 1:05.00 and second, long jump, 12-1; and Mason James, second, 2400 run, 10:37.61.
Top finishes for the Shawe girls were: Katie Ortiz, second, 400 dash, 1:11.63; Holland Kring, second,

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LOCAL LEAGUES

HANOVER MEN'S SPRING BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Sunday, May 4
The Pistols 99, Pink Astros 81 — David Burton had 29 points and Sawyer Williams 28 for The Pistols. Dalton Tingle had 36

for the Pink Astros.
The Pistols 92, Blaze Ballers 59 — David Burton had 39 and Carson Williams 21 for The Pistols. Jordan Myers had 25 for the Blaze Ballers.
Switz Co Pacers 91, All American Rejects 30 —

Kyle Whitham had 36 and Damien Breeck 26 for the Pacers. Camden Bentley had 19 for the Rejects.
Kona Ice Lucky Limes 84, Gremlins 82 — Danny Gibson had 45 and Nick Macon 22 for the Lucky Limes. Trent Potter had 29 and Joe

Neace and Noah Hart each 21 for the Gremlins.
Pakalana's Poke Wagon 80, Layman Properties 64 — Foster Mefford had 27 and Nick Center 17 for Pakalana's. Aaron Jake had 23 and Daniel Brim 21 for Layman.

RICHARDS

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Balboa would love.
“He worked over the summer doing construction. And on the hottest days, he would remind himself that had work was only going to make him better,” said Switzerland County coach James Richards, who also happens to be Peyton's father. “No one else is doing this. It was just a mindset that nothing could slow him down.”
Richards took that mindset into his junior season and while he didn't go undefeated, he was a stronger and better wrestler, working all the way to the state semifinals before finishing fourth, the highest-ever finish for a Switzerland County wrestler and his second Madison Courier Boys Wrestler of the Year award in three seasons.

And it all started with that one loss at the semistate.
“I spent the whole year just thinking about it. There wasn't a day that passed by where I wasn't like, ‘How am I gonna get better? How am I gonna go to state?’ ” Peyton said. “There were some days I'd catch myself doing five workouts in a day and my dad would be like, ‘You're gonna get injured.’ Well, as long as I can make it to state, I don't really care. I'll do anything.”
Part of doing anything was climbing on roofs and replacing shingles. It's a tough job, with the sun heating up the shingles and no shade in sight. But Peyton saw it as a chance to improve not just his strength, but his mindset.
“It's just really hard manual labor. I've seen guys quit on the job because they can't do it,” Peyton said. “I knew it was going to make me better at wres-

ting and, you know, getting off the roof and then going to practice was rough. There was a couple days I didn't want to do it, but I did it. When I made it back to semistate this year, I just felt a lot better about it. I wasn't nervous. I really took it all in and it showed on the mat.”
Unlike the previous year, Richards tore through the competition at semistate, winning his first three matches easily to punch his ticket to the state finals for the first time. He suffered a loss by pin to eventual semistate champion Braylon Reynolds at the semistate, but his fourth-place finish got him to Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.
Rather than feeling nervous at state, Richards embraced the moment. He won his first two matches before once again running into Reynolds in the semifinals where he lost again. That setback sent him to

the third-place match where he fell to Evan Stanley of Lowell and placed fourth.
While Richards is extremely proud of his fourth-place finish, he has bigger plans for his senior year.
“I've got to be a state champion next year,” Peyton said. “I've been training really hard; I'm gonna pretty much do everything I did last year, working construction and just keep busting my tail until I can get there.”
James Richards likes his son's chances.
“He's just got to just go out there and do it. Don't be shy. Don't be timid. Be aggressive, get after it. He's got all the tools. He's been doing this for multiple years, since he was like three and a half, and he's got all the talent. It's just a matter of doing it,” James Richards said. “I don't think there's anything more that he can do right now.”



LEGAL NOTICE

SOUTHWESTERN JEFFERSON COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION
Notice of Public Hearing on May 19, 2025
4:30 P.M.
Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated School Corporation
239 South Main Cross Street
Hanover, IN 47243

On May 19, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., the Board of School Trustees of the Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated School Corporation will meet to discuss and hear objections to and support for a proposed Superintendent contract. A summary of the proposed contract is as follows:

- **Base Annual Salary:** \$130,000
- **Performance Compensation:** The Superintendent will be evaluated at least once each school year. If the Superintendent receives an evaluation rating of either highly effective or effective, the Superintendent will be eligible for a base salary increase commensurate with increases provided to teachers.
- **Contract term:** July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028 with options for extensions
- **Work Year:** 260 days
- **Paid Holidays/Paid Days Off:** Corporation scheduled holidays in addition to 20 vacation days and 15 personal days
- **Bereavement Leave:** 5 days
- **Health insurance:** Eligible participation in the group insurance plans, including health, dental and vision for a family plan with the Corporation paying a portion of the premium, if elected, will reduce the base salary by \$5,000.
- **Life insurance:** The Corporation provides a term life insurance policy for the Superintendent with a face value of \$150,000. The Corporation pays the entire contribution except \$1.00 toward the Superintendent's premiums
- **Long Term Disability:** The Corporation provides long term disability insurance for the Superintendent
- **Teachers Retirement Fund (TRF):** The Corporation pays the Superintendent's statutorily required TRF contribution of the Superintendent's base salary plus the employer contribution
- **Tax Sheltered Annuity:** The Corporation shall contribute an annual amount equal to the contribution made for teachers pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement into tax sheltered annuity plan (401(a) and VEBA)
- **Retirement Benefit.** The Superintendent will receive an additional retirement benefit equal to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for each fully completed consecutive year of employment accumulated at the Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated School Corporation as per the Retirement Benefits Resolution for Administrators.
- **Automobile Allowance:** Reimbursement for mileage incurred for Corporation business outside of the district at the federal mileage rate is determined by the IRS
- **Technology Stipend:** \$100.00 monthly stipend
- **Professional Dues and Conferences:** The Corporation will pay or reimburse the Superintendent for appropriate business and professional expenses approved by the Board. Appropriate expenses shall include the cost of membership and participation in state and national professional associations of educational administrators, and expenses related to the Superintendent's attendance at conferences, courses and other professional development activities that aid in the continued professional growth and performance of duties.
- **Other Benefits:** Other benefits provided to teachers pursuant to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement between the school and it teachers' association
- **Duties of Superintendent:** The Superintendent is required to provide full time duties and attention to the business of the School Corporation and not to outside activities unless specifically approved by the Board.
- **Indemnification:** The School Corporation will defend, hold harmless and indemnify the Superintendent in legal actions involving incidents in which the Superintendent was legally acting within the scope of employment.
- **Termination of Contract:** Language that provides multiple ways in which the Superintendent's contract may be terminated prior to the end of its term.

The complete proposed contract of the Superintendent will be available on the Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated School Corporation's website and will be presented at the May 19, 2025, Public Hearing. After the hearing the Board of School Trustees has considered the public input, the Board will consider the adoption of the contract.

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MAY 6

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Birds of a feather may flock together. However, shared vibes and a pleasant environment might not guarantee success in the long run. Dig deeper and really get to know someone before handing over your heart. Communicate your wants clearly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Good friends will never be in oversupply. Groups united by a shared goal could be your social sweet spot right now. Consider putting yourself out there to mingle with new faces or connect with fellow professionals who may appreciate you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Keep those coins in your pocket for intentional purchases that really matter. A flashy ad might be tempting at first, but biting could stir up trouble so play it smart and hold off. A minor squabble could stall your progress so handle it with extra care.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Play defense like a pro. Be ready to stand by your opinions but look for ways to smooth over friction with charm. You might be wise with money but misguided in love. If you're unsure about someone's feelings, consider whether to move on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may realize your comfort and security are based on expectations that are no longer in alignment. Making changes now could be disruptive, so consider consulting a trusted friend for advice. Stay informed through your loved ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The long-term players in your life may carve out a place for you while a casual flirt might be set on turning your head for the short term. If single, you could find yourself in a formal courtship, as a friend may have their heart set on romance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Pare it all back to basics and your role could be easier. Release any limiting beliefs, unhelpful thoughts, or past challenges that might be weighing you down. Good guidance may be available, so seek advice and consider suggestions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Past acts of kindness or wise decisions could put you in the position to cash in today. You may receive a referral or get bumped up in the queue. Strive to be a team player, showcase your strengths, and learn to accept help in challenging areas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You could find yourself teetering on a boundary between friendship and romance. Love might feel like a timing mix-up when you find the right person, at the wrong moment, or the other way around. Keep an open mind and open heart.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could find the confidence to step away from the people who don't appreciate your passion and enthusiasm. Don't shrink yourself to fit the crowd. When you find the right people, they'll understand you and share your excitement.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Aim for quality over hype. Stay aware to avoid falling for smooth talk or a too-good-to-be-true deal. Your hard-earned cash deserves to be spent with intention. If you've worked hard and saved, consider ways to protect your nest egg.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Searching for the "one" may leave you rejecting everyone who doesn't quite make the cut. Tiny, usually imaginary, flaws might not fit your ideal blueprint. Your search for perfection could blind you to all the wonderful people you encounter.

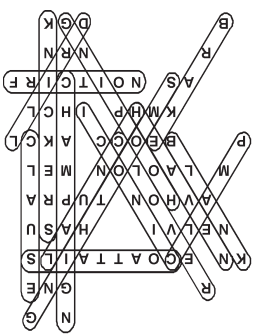
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Monday's unlisted clue: DELHI

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: BIRD SERVED UNDER GLASS

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Clamp	Drill	Iconic	

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Essence
5 Talk on and on
8 Contain
12 Golden Rule word
13 — jiffy
14 Taxi alter-native
15 Sweet-smelling
17 Actress Gershon
18 Valentine's Day mo.
19 Single
20 Scarlett's Butler
21 Record book suffix
22 Pooch
23 Substitute
26 Eccen-trics
30 Off-white
31 Part of LGBTQ
32 Cousin's mom
33 Taxi drivers
35 Golf great Sam
36 Shade tree
37 Retrieve

38 Intent look

- 41 Rap's Dr. —
42 Sheepish "Hello!"
45 Austen novel
46 One-fourth of a circle
48 Primary
49 Nap site
50 Help in a heist
51 "Meet Me — Louis!"
52 Fr. holy woman
53 Like morning grass

DOWN

- 1 Non-sense

2 Con-cerning

- 3 Wild guess
4 Dress
5 Enor-mous
6 Actress Hathaway
7 Ball club?
8 "Notting Hill" actor
9 Theater award
10 Fasting period
11 "Phooey!"
16 Optimistic
20 King, in Cannes
21 Overjoyed
22 Who — (Cin-cinnati Bengals mascot)

23 Chest muscle

- 24 Nipper's co.
25 Globe
26 Existed
27 Payable
28 Egg salad — roll (deli order)
29 Norm (Abbr.)
31 Tiara jewel
34 Land in la mer
35 Burpee buy
37 Test score
38 Big rig
39 Eliot Ness, e.g.
40 Writer Kingsley
41 Pair's air
42 Innocent one
43 From the top
44 ABA member
46 NFL pass throwers
47 "Awe-some!"

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Today's solution

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HOROSCOPE

MAY 7

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Trust your gut. A popularity spike could send your social calendar to new heights. Leaning into your creativity may help you cast a wider net to gather connections. A tricky situation might unravel easily with a second opinion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You've got a gift for getting things done. Your opponents may tip their hats if you play fair and square. Your big-picture outlook might let small stuff slide that's not contributing to the goal. A flash of inspo might untangle a puzzle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your goals will never happen until you take action. Stop dreaming and start planning; this might be the key to you bringing it all into existence. You may create the world you want if you direct your attention persistently.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't be afraid to peel back the layers to go deeper. You may need to dig past the surface to get the real scoop on someone's thoughts. Consider skipping a wardrobe splurge, your style may soon shift. Focus on working smartly and steadily.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Trust is non-negotiable. People may count on you to deliver quality work while staying grounded. You could soon rack up bonus points with business contacts. Frustration with the status quo might just fuel your next big achievement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Zero in on efforts that could help you build something real. You'll get more mileage from lifting others up than dragging them down. Sketch out plans for what's next and get the ball rolling without disrupting anything important.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A long-held dream might crack open, or a fresh face could shift your lens. A new connection might spark intrigue, perhaps bringing something unfamiliar and unexpected to the table. Stay committed to total honesty and openness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) If wishes were horses, we'd all gallop our way into a fabulous future. Step one to anything worth having may be a matter of saying it out loud. Turn day-dreams into a roadmap. A friendly vibe may win you allies and sway others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your intuition might feel off. Someone may crave attention but it doesn't mean you should change your plans. Decisions from those in charge could bolster your belief that things are on track and your effort isn't going unnoticed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Let your hunger for accomplishments outweigh any dread of fails or flops. Tidy up the daily routine with clever ways of freeing up room for carefree fun and some social activities. Keep a sharp eye on your accounts and interests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Stay informed and keep an open mind. You may receive guidance from loved ones who have your best interest at heart. There might be an opportunity to seek feedback where it counts, and you could be pleased with the results.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Stick to what feels right for you. A solid moral compass and lofty principles may steer you through murky choices. Humility and a grounded approach could go a long way. You might connect with a friend just when you or they need it most.

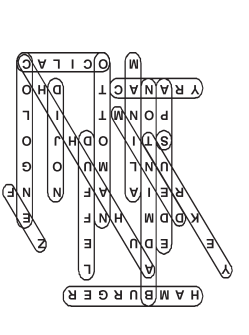
Sudoku solution

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6	2	2	7	9	1	4	1	3		
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Jumble solution

MOVIE WORLD BUDGET MONKEY
When the cat was being interrogated by the police, — IT BROKE DOWN

Sleuth solution



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

VEMOI
ROWDL
GDUTBE
YEOKMN

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WORD SLEUTH

WORDS DERIVED FROM PLACES

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Y	B	B	Y	W	A	T	R	O	L	L	J	G	E	B
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G	D	K	D	D	M	B	H	N	F	Z	X	V	E	S
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G	E	N	C	U	N	L	A	M	U	Y	O	W	G	U
S	Q	I	P	S	T	I	N	O	D	H	J	L	O	J
H	F	E	C	P	O	N	M	T	A	Y	I	X	L	V
U	S	Y	R	A	N	A	C	T	Q	P	D	H	O	N
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Tuesday's unlisted clue: PHEASANT

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: TWO-PIECE BATHING SUIT

Sovereignty outduels favorite Journalism in sloppy Derby 151

BY BETH HARRIS
AP RACING WRITER

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Sovereignty gave trainer Bill Mott a second Kentucky Derby victory. This time there was no doubt about it and no asterisk.

The 3-year-old colt outdueled 3-1 favorite Journalism down the stretch to win the 151st Derby in the slop on Saturday, snapping an 0 for 13 skid by owner Godolphin.

Mott won his first Derby in 2019, also run on a sloppy track, when Country House was elevated to first after Maximum Security crossed the finish line first and was disqualified during a 22-minute delay.

It took a few minutes for Saturday's results to be made official while the stewards sorted out a photo for second and reviewed a traffic-choked start.

Mott knew all the while who earned the garland of red roses.

"This one got there the right way," the Hall of Fame trainer said. "I mean, he's done well, he's a great horse, he comes from a great organization and I can't say enough about the horse and the organization that started him out and made this happen."

Godolphin is the racing stable of Dubai ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

It was quite a weekend for the sheikh. His filly, Good Cheer, won the Kentucky Oaks on Friday and earlier Saturday, Ruling Court — a son of 2018 Triple Crown winner Justify — won the 2,000 Guineas in Britain.

"I've had quite a long relationship with the Godolphin team and the man behind the Godolphin operation, Sheikh Mohammed," Mott said. "I'm just honored."

Sovereignty, also bred by the sheikh, splashed through 1 1/4 miles in 2:02.31 and paid \$17.96 to win at 7-1 odds. He's the record 20th horse with a name starting with "S" to win. The victory was worth \$3.1 million from the \$5 million purse.

"It's great," Mott said. "I think it will take a little while to sink in."

Journalism didn't have the clean-



Abbie Parr / AP photo

Sovereignty, ridden by Junior Alvarado, left, crosses the finish line to win the 151st running of the Kentucky Derby horse race at Churchill Downs on Saturday in Louisville, Ky.

est of trips in the 19-horse field, but rallied to stay in the fight. He found trouble early before jockey Umberto Rispoli swung him outside to get him in the clear. They made a move at the leaders with Sovereignty and jockey Junior Alvarado right behind them.

"He was saying to me, 'Listen, I'm ready,' so from there I started picking up," Alvarado said.

The two colts hooked up for a sixteenth of a mile for a thrilling battle against the backdrop of 147,406 roaring and rain-soaked fans before Sovereignty surged ahead inside the eighth pole and drew clear.

"I saw the blue silks (of Godolphin) coming at us and I knew that was the one we were going to have to be concerned about," said Michael McCarthy, Journalism's trainer. "The winner ran a better race."

Alvarado won his first Derby in six tries. He and Sovereignty were reunited after Alvarado had missed the colt's last start in the Florida Derby because he was injured.

"It's more than a dream come true," the 38-year-old Venezuelan said. "I thought I had a great chance.

I was confident the whole week."

Fast-closing Baeza — who got into the race on Thursday after another horse was scratched — was a neck back in third. Final Gambit was fourth and Owen Almighty finished fifth.

Citizen Bull, the lone entry for six-time Derby-winning trainer Bob Baffert, set the pace. Baffert was back on the first Saturday in May having serving a three-year suspension by Churchill Downs after his Medina Spirit crossed the finish line first in 2021 and failed a postrace drug test.

D. Wayne Lukas, the 89-year-old four-time Derby winner, saw his colt American Promise finish right behind Baffert in 15th.

Rain made for a soggy day, with the Churchill Downs dirt strip listed as sloppy and fans protecting their fancy hats and clothing with clear plastic ponchos.

Burnham Square was sixth, followed by Sandman, East Avenue, Chunk of Gold, Tiztastic, Coal Battle, Neoequos, Publisher, Citizen Bull, American Promise, Render Judgment, Flying Mohawk and Admire Daytona.

García homers as Nats beat Reds 4-1

CINCINNATI — Luis García Jr. homered during Washington's three-run seventh inning, and the Nationals beat the Cincinnati Reds 4-1 on Sunday.

García gave Washington a 2-1 lead with his one-out solo drive off Graham Ashcraft (2-3). CJ Abrams tacked on a two-run double against Taylor Rogers.

Jorge López (4-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the win, and Kyle Finnegan handled the ninth for his 11th save.

Washington took two of three in the weekend series at Cincinnati.

The Reds wasted a sharp performance by Nick Martinez, who struck out six while working six innings of one-run ball.

REDS 9, CARDINALS 1

Jose Trevino hit a two-run homer and Spencer Steer added a solo shot as the Cincinnati Reds defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 9-1 on Thurs-

day afternoon in a game delayed 1 hour, 37 minutes by rain.

Trevino's two-out, two-run homer off Matthew Liberatore put the Reds ahead 2-0 in the second.

Brendan Donovan scored from first on Nolan Arenado's single when Elly De La Cruz booted the ball in short left field for his major-league leading seventh error, making the score 2-1.

Neither team's starter returned following the rain delay.

Liberatore (2-3) allowed two runs and two hits in three innings for the Cardinals. Reds left-hander Andrew Abbott gave up a run on four hits over four innings.

Steer hit a solo homer, his third of the season, off Riley O'Brien to make the score 5-1 in the sixth.

Santiago Espinal's two-run single in the seventh pushed the Reds' lead to 8-1. He went 2-for-4 with

Shawe boys were: John Paul Guetig, first, 800 run, 2:37.93 and third, high jump, 4-8; Sam Gish, first, 1600 run, 5:53.90 and first, 2400 run, 9:30.23; Jackson Thevenow, second, 110 hurdles, 23.27; 1600 relay, second, 4:43.61; Cohenn Hambrick, third, 800 run, 2:48.32 and third, 1600 run, 6:02.83; Victory McCollum, third, 110 hurdles, 34.75; and 400 relay, third, 1:02.42.

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